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*U.S. says conserving oil is no longer an economic imperative*

In this Dec. 19, 2014, file photo, oil pump jacks work in unison in Williston, N.D.

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By ELLEN KNICKMEYER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conserving oil is no longer an economic imperative for the U.S., the Trump

administration declares in a major new policy statement that threatens to undermine decades of government campaigns for gas-thrifty cars and other conservation pro-

grams.

The position was outlined in a memo released last month in support of the administration's proposal to relax fuel mileage standards.

The government released the memo online this month without fanfare.

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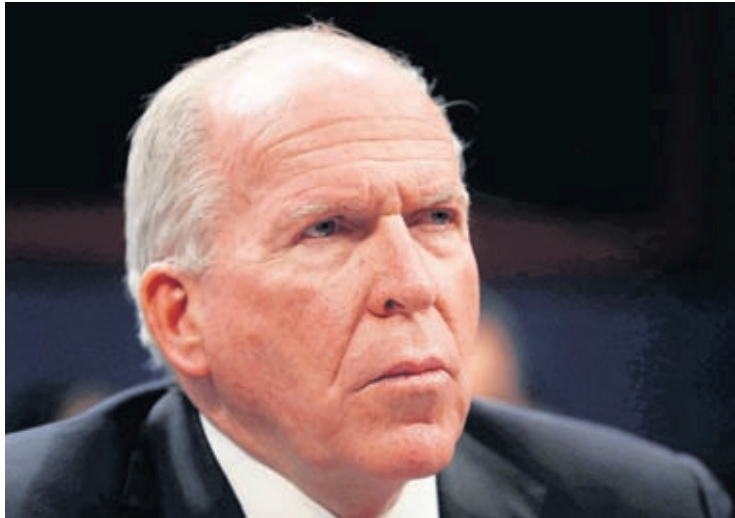
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## Brennan considers legal action to stop clearance revocations



In this May 23, 2017, file photo former CIA Director John Brennan testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington before the House Intelligence Committee Russia Investigation Task Force.  
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By JILL COLVIN and LOLITA C. BALDOR

**Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Former CIA Director John Brennan said Sunday that he is considering taking legal action to try to prevent President Donald Trump from stripping other current and former officials' security clearances. Speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press," Brennan said he's been contacted by a number of lawyers about the possibility of an injunction in the wake of Trump's move to revoke his clear-

ance and threaten nine others who have been critical of the president or are connected to the Russia probe. "If my clearances and my reputation as I'm being pulled through the mud now, if that's the price we're going to pay to prevent Donald Trump from doing this against other people, to me it's a small price to pay," Brennan said. "So I am going to do whatever I can personally to try to prevent these abuses in the future. And if it means going to court, I will do that."

Brennan, who served in President Barack Obama's administration, said that while he'll fight on behalf of his former CIA colleagues, it's also up to Congress to put aside politics and step in. "This is the time that your country is going to rely on you, not to do what is best for your party but what is best for the country," he said. Trump yanked Brennan's security clearance last week, saying he felt he had to do "something" about the "rigged" probe of Russian election interference. And he has said he may do the same for nine others, including a Justice Department official whose wife worked for the firm involved in producing a dossier on Trump's ties to Russia. An executive order signed in 1995 by President Bill Clinton lays out the process for approving security clearances and describes a detailed revocation and appeal procedure. Former Obama-era CIA Director Leon Panetta, who also served as defense secretary, said Sunday that Trump must abide by the executive order unless he decides to change or can-

cel it. Speaking on CBS' "Face the Nation," he said Trump's decision to revoke Brennan's clearance raises questions about whether he followed due process. Brennan's legal warning came as other officials joined the growing chorus of critics — now more than 75 intelligence officials — denouncing Trump's security clearance threats, saying they have a right to express their views on national security issues without fear of punishment. Retired Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under George W. Bush and Obama, likened it to President Richard Nixon's use of a political enemies list. Mullen told "Fox News Sunday" that while he doesn't agree with Brennan's decision to criticize the president, the former CIA director has the right to freedom of speech unless he's revealing classified information. "It immediately brings back the whole concept of the enemies list," Mullen said, "and even before that, in the early '50s, the McCarthy era, where the administration starts putting together lists of individuals that don't agree with them and that historically, obviously, has proven incredibly problematic for the country." Republican Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin agreed with Trump that Brennan's comments "really did cross a line." But, he said, rather than pulling officials' security clearances, Trump should avoid politicizing the issue and simply deny them access to classified material. "I don't want to see an enemies list," he said. □

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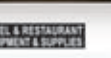
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## U.S. says conserving oil is no longer an economic imperative

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Growth of natural gas and other alternatives to petroleum has reduced the need for imported oil, which "in turn affects the need of the nation to conserve energy," the Energy Department said. It also cites the now decade-old fracking revolution that has unlocked U.S. shale oil reserves, giving "the United States more flexibility than in the past to use our oil resources with less concern." With the memo, the administration is formally challenging old justifications for conservation — even congressionally prescribed ones, as with the mileage standards. The memo made no mention of climate change. Transportation is the single largest source of climate-changing emissions.

President Donald Trump has questioned the existence of climate change, embraced the notion of "energy dominance" as a national goal, and called for easing what he calls burdensome regulation of oil, gas and coal, including repealing the Obama Clean Power Plan.

Despite the increased oil supplies, the administration continues to believe in the need to "use energy wisely," the Energy Department said, without elaboration. Department spokesmen did not respond Friday to questions about that statement.

Reaction was quick.

"It's like saying, 'I'm a big old fat guy, and food prices have dropped — it's

time to start eating again,'" said Tom Kloza, longtime oil analyst with the Maryland-based Oil Price Information Service. "If you look at it from the other end, if you do believe that fossil fuels do some sort of damage to the atmosphere ... you come up with a different viewpoint," Kloza said. "There's a downside to living large." Climate change is a "clear and present and increasing danger," said Sean Donahue, a lawyer for the Environmental Defense Fund. Just 10 years ago, in summer 2008, oil prices were peaking at \$147 a barrel and pummeling the global economy. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries was enjoying a massive transfer of wealth, from countries dependent on imported oil. Prices now are about \$65.

Today, the U.S. is vying with Russia for the title of top world oil producer. U.S. oil production hit an all-time high this summer, aided by the technological leaps of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

How much the U.S. economy is hooked up to the gas pump, and vice versa, plays into any number of policy considerations, not just economic or environmental ones, but military and geopolitical ones, said John Graham, a former official in the George W. Bush administration, now dean of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

"Our ability to play that role as a leader in the world is stronger when we are the

strongest producer of oil and gas," Graham said. "But there are still reasons to want to reduce the amount we consume." Current administration proposals include one that would freeze mileage standards for cars and light trucks after 2020, instead of continuing to make them tougher. The proposal eventually would increase U.S. oil consumption by 500,000 barrels a day, the administration says. While Trump officials say the freeze would improve highway safety, documents re-



In this April 23, 2018, file photo a car is filled with gasoline at a station in Windham, N.H.

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leased this month showed senior Environmental Protection Agency staffers calculate the administration's move would actually increase highway deaths. □



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## Women win primaries in record numbers, look to November

By **CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY**  
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Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Women are not just running for office in record numbers this year — they are winning. More women than ever before have won major party primaries for governor, U.S. Senate and House this year — setting a U.S. record and paving the way for November battles that could significantly increase the number of women in elected office and change the public debate on issues such as health care, immigration, abortion rights, education and gun control. Some of these candidates could also play a pivotal role in whether Democrats are able to take control of the U.S. House.

Most of these female hopefuls are Democrats, some of whom are first-time candidates who say their motivation to run sprang from President Donald Trump's election and Republican control of Congress. But other developments factor in, too. The #MeToo movement. Women's marches. Trump's nomination of conservative appeals court Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy.

"Part of the reason I thought this race was possible, even despite great odds, was because of all the women who are so engaged in my community in a new way," said Democrat Mikie Sherrill, a former Navy helicopter pilot and federal prosecutor who looks to capture a GOP congressional seat in New Jersey.

Sherrill is one of some 200 women who have won their primaries for U.S. House, with 94 of these candidates surviving crowded fields



In this May 22, 2018, file photo, Georgia Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams smiles before speaking to supporters during an election-night watch party in Atlanta.

Associated Press

with three or more candidates, according to an analysis of election results. Previously, the most women who had advanced were 167 in 2016, according to records kept by the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. In the Senate, a record 19 women have won their primaries. And for the first time, 13 women have been nominated for gubernatorial races in a single election year.

And all these numbers are likely to grow with nine states yet to hold their primaries. Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo and U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham of Florida are among nine women running for governor who will face primary voters in coming weeks. No more than nine women have ever led states at the same time.

"We are seeing a level of enthusiasm among women voters that we haven't seen in a long time," said Democrat Laura Kelly,

who is running for governor in Kansas and will need women, independents and moderate Republicans in her bid against Republican Kris Kobach.

Success in November will go a long way to improving the nation's dismal record of female representation. Currently, women account for just a fifth of 535 U.S. representatives and senators, and one in four state lawmakers. Six of the nation's 50 governors are female. Meanwhile, women comprise slightly more than half the U.S. population.

Women appear to be running strong so far. As of mid-August, some 49 percent of women running for the House have advanced to the general election, with about 40 percent in the Senate and about 25 percent running for governor, according to an analysis of election results.

But that's no guarantee of victory this fall. Many of the women, particularly Democrats, are running in

long-held Republican congressional districts or states where Republicans have consolidated support.

One thing women have accomplished already is changing the tone and content of campaigns. They bring their children to rallies and some want their campaign money to pay for child care so they can run.

On this count, Liuba Grechen Shirley, the Democratic candidate challenger to Republican Rep. Peter King, has succeeded. In May, the Federal Election Commission voted unanimously to allow the expenditure.

"I was told that with two kids, a husband who worked full time and no child care, that it was impossible," Grechen Shirley says in an online ad, noting her effort to change the policy. "Well, it wasn't impossible. It's just really hard."

Experienced combat veterans running for Congress this year are featuring their

families in their ads as they speak with authority on national security and foreign policy.

"The old model is a little bit like trying to fit women into the mold of male candidates," said Deborah Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

"Women had a very narrow path that they could navigate as candidates: What was appropriate to wear, what was appropriate to say. They also were asked: If you win, who is going to take care of your children? This is not a question that men are confronted with." Beyond gender, these women are poised to usher in a wave of diversity next year.

Michigan will likely send the nation's first Muslim-American woman to Congress, after Rashida Tlaib beat a crowded field of Democrats for the 13th Congressional District. No Republican is running in November for the heavily Democratic seat.

There are nearly 50 black women running for Congress this year, from Democrat Lucy McBath who is challenging GOP Rep. Karen Handel in Georgia to Republican Rep. Mia Love's bid for a third term in Utah.

In Georgia, Stacey Abrams is aiming to become the nation's first black female governor while Paulette Jordan would be the first Native American governor in U.S. history if she wins her race in Idaho.

And Democratic voters in Vermont recently selected Christine Hallquist as their nominee, making her the first transgender candidate to win a major-party gubernatorial nomination. □



## Avenatti visits New Hampshire as he considers 2020 bid

Rob Wolfe

GREENFIELD, N.H. (AP) —

An attorney who has be-deviled President Donald Trump during the past year over his personal relationships and immigration policies made a presidential pitch of his own to Democratic voters in New Hampshire on Sunday. Michael Avenatti, who represents adult film actress Stormy Daniels in her case against Trump, told the Hillsborough County Democrats that he was considering matching Trump's confrontational style with his own pugilistic brand in a 2020 presidential run.

"When they go low, we hit harder," Avenatti said, modifying a former first lady Michelle Obama slogan.

Avenatti acknowledged that some of the roughly 200 voters at the outdoor barbecue might be thinking, "What is some porn lawyer doing here today?" But, he added, "As you all know, these are anything but usual times." Democrats today, he said, are fighting for "nothing short of the survival of our republic."

Tracing his background, Avenatti said he had grown up in Missouri without a "golden toilet" — an allusion to the Trump family's wealth — and was the first in his family to graduate from college.

As a trial lawyer, he said, he represented "Davids" against "Goliaths" — and still does now, he said, with his advocacy for Daniels, who says she was coerced into staying silent about her alleged relationship with Trump, and for immigrant families separated by the White House's crackdown on asylum seekers at the border.

Avenatti has put a toe in the 2020 race, posting a platform on Twitter and recently visiting Iowa, another key primary state that he will soon visit again. On Sunday, he said he was still seriously considering whether to run.

But "what I fear most, is

that (Democrats) have a tendency to bring nail clippers to a gunfight," said. Avenatti, who has gained notoriety for assailing Trump using the president's favored medium, Twitter. Speaking to reporters later, Avenatti addressed some Democrats' concerns about adopting Trump's tactics, arguing that a successful challenger must be able to counter the president's provocations. He praised Hillary Clinton's resume and character, but noted that she lost the 2016 election despite being the most qualified candidate "in U.S. history."

Avenatti was not the only politician at Sunday's gathering to use Trump as a motivator for voters. Democratic candidates from county commissioner up to governor sought to tie local Republicans to the president.

Steve Marchand, a former mayor of Portsmouth running for governor, said the Republican incumbent, Chris Sununu, was linked to Trump "by complicity" with his policies on immigration, voter rights and education. Molly Kelly, a former state senator also competing in the Democratic gubernatorial primary, tied Sununu to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos through their support for an educational voucher system, which Kelly said "weakens public education and will raise property taxes."

Voters on hand appeared cautiously taken with Avenatti, who received a celebrity reception after arriving Sunday afternoon, stopping every few feet for a selfie photo as he slowly made his way through an energized crowd.

Kathy Boyer, a former law firm clerk from Amherst, said she liked Avenatti's message and hoped he would prove a viable candidate, despite never having held political office.

"People said the same thing about Donald Trump," she said. "Look what happened." □



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## U.S. school districts weigh duty to youth migrant shelters

By **SALLY HO**  
**Associated Press**

When San Benito, Texas, school leaders learned of an influx of children to a migrant shelter in their small town near the U.S.-Mexico border, they felt obliged to help.

The superintendent reached out and agreed to send 19 bilingual teachers, mobile classrooms and hundreds of computers to make the learning environment resemble one of his schools.

While a government contractor bears responsibility for educating children at the highly guarded center, local officials say they stepped up partly because of a law that calls on school systems to educate any child, anywhere within their district.

"This is not a political issue. This is not a racial issue. This is a moral obligation, and actually our legal obligation," said Michael Vargas, who leads the board of the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District. San Benito is one of a small number of U.S. school systems that are preparing for the first day of school on both their public campuses and in new classrooms set up at nearby federal youth migrant shelters. In neighboring Brownsville, Texas, the superintendent is working on an agreement to deploy teachers and services to help educate 800 children housed in federal facilities in her district.

The school systems pitched in amid an outcry over the separation of children



**In this June 18, 2018, file photo, dignitaries take a tour of Southwest Key Programs Casa Padre, a U.S. immigration facility in Brownsville, Texas, where children are detained. When school leaders in San Benito, Texas, learned of an influx of children to a migrant shelter in town, they felt obliged to help.**

from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border under the Trump administration's zero-tolerance policy for illegal immigration. Several hundred children remain separated from their parents, but most of the thousands of young people held in federal shelters across the U.S. are unaccompanied minors who arrived in the country without their families.

The Associated Press inquired with public school districts in 61 cities nationwide where shelters are known to exist within their boundaries. Among the 50 that responded, most said they had no contact with the shelter or federal program authorities. Some outside the border states, including Camden, New

Jersey, said they only recently discovered the existence of migrant shelters in their community.

Many noted they would educate all children regardless of immigration status, as required by law, if their families or legal guardians sought enrollment on their campuses.

"Until this becomes a real-time issue for us, we have no official position," said Superintendent Dennis Blauser of the Oracle, Arizona, school district.

In Texas, some districts already had longstanding agreements to run classrooms with public school teachers at migrant shelters.

By law, the federal contractors that operate the shelters are required to have

**Associated Press**  
a "care provider" give children six hours a day of structured learning time.

Southwest Key, the largest contractor operating such facilities, has agreements with two school districts, including San Benito. It is also working to create partnerships with the Brownsville Independent School District and with a charter school network run separately by Southwest Key's parent organization.

Salvador Cavazos, Southwest Key's vice president of educational services, said the nonprofit shelter operator has for years offered great basic services but is now welcoming more help from outside school systems as the number of children in its care grows. He said South-

west Key gets appreciative feedback from families after the average 30- to 45-day stay for each child, and most students leave with some level of academic gain. He said the children do "a lot of good work" studying through a project-based curriculum that is aligned with state standards.

"They do history projects. They do class presentations. They do read-alouds with the books and novels that they're reading," said Cavazos, a former school teacher and administrator. The districts' role is largely limited to their regular school year, though the shelters also provide supplemental curriculum during summer months. Rochelle Garza, a Brownsville, Texas-based attorney who advocates for the children in court noted the students can be detained for a semester or more with repeating instruction as other kids cycle in and out. Zendejas said the district also has an obligation to work around the troubling circumstances of such a vulnerable population of children, just as the law enforces for homeless children. She said her school district is well-equipped and willing to handle the important task, and ready to provide teachers and special education, bilingual and support services. "The question of who gets educated in our country is coming up, and my belief is everybody should receive an education if you are in this country," Zendejas said. □



# Drought takes toll on Missouri farmers' crops, cattle

By JIM SALTER  
Associated Press

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Parts of Missouri are so dry that corn crops are suffering and hay for cattle is in short supply, with water becoming increasingly scarce, experts say.

Missouri has had below-average rainfall since winter. The U.S. Drought Monitor map shows that nearly all of Missouri is experiencing drought, with several counties in the northwestern part of the state facing "exceptional" conditions — the most dire classification assigned by the monitor. Conditions were nearly as bad elsewhere along the northern tier and in southwestern Missouri.

Much of the western U.S. is also experiencing drought. But Missouri is the only Midwestern state with such severe conditions. Parts of Kansas also are extremely dry, but most of Illinois and Nebraska, and the northern half of Iowa, are drought-free.

"That isolated nature really hurts some corn growers because they're competing against other farmers in the Midwest that have had bumper crops," said Mark Fuchs, hydrologist for the National Weather Service office near St. Louis. "That puts a lot of them on the brink of financial ruin."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture lists soil moisture as "short" or "very short" in four-fifths of the state.

As for Missouri's corn crop, nearly half of it was listed as poor or very poor, according to the most recent USDA progress report. Only about a quarter was listed as good or excellent.

The drought has also hurt pastures, with about three-quarters in poor or very poor conditions, according to the USDA report. Many pastures haven't been able to support grazing cattle, prompting farmers to feed cattle with hay that might normally be saved for winter. It's also hurt the hay crop, which is down about one-third from normal.

"It has been a very bad summer following a very bad winter as far as the feed supply," said Eldon Cole, a University of Missouri Extension livestock specialist out of Mt. Vernon. "The winter was so long last year they had to feed hay until April. That caused them to run out of hay, and then we didn't have a good growing season."

Kent Arnaud, 57, said this year's drought may be the worst since 1980 at the 1,500-acre (607-hectare) cattle farm he operates with his father and son near Monett in southwestern Missouri. Arnaud said he and his relatives are scrambling to find enough feed for the cattle over the winter. They've even sold off some calves early so they won't have to feed them in the cold-weather months. The

calves are typically sold in November or December.

"Unless we get an awfully good fall, we're going to be pretty nervous going into the winter," Arnaud said. "We need several rounds of soaking rain and cooler temperatures."

Some farmers unable to sell drought-damaged corn were using it for cattle feed, Cole said.

The weather forecast offers some hope. Fuchs said most of Missouri is expected to get at least an inch (2.5 centimeters) of rain over the next week or so, and some especially dry areas in northern and southern Missouri could see 2 inches (5 centimeters) of rain. □



In this Aug. 10, 2018 photo provided by the University of Missouri Extension, a steer takes shelter under a bush near a dry pond on a farm near Monett, Mo.

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## Superdry founder gives \$1.28 million to anti-Brexit campaign

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — The co-founder of the fashion brand Superdry said Sunday he has donated 1 million pounds (\$1.28 million) to a group seeking a new referendum on Britain's departure from the European Union, as the U.K. government prepares to publish its assessment of the impact of leaving the bloc without an agreement on future relations.

Julian Dunkerton, whose streetwear brand has outlets in 46 countries, wrote in the Sunday Times that he is backing the People's Vote campaign because he predicts Brexit will be a "disaster" and "we have a genuine chance to turn this



Undated handout photo issued by SuperGroup of Julian Dunkerton.

around." With only seven months until Britain is due to leave the EU, exit talks have stalled and both sides say the chances of the U.K. crash-

ing out without a deal are rising. That has energized those calling for a new vote on the departure terms, who sense that public opinion in Britain shifting against Brexit.

Pro-Brexit advocates, meanwhile, plan a campaign to ensure the British government goes through with the decision to leave, which was made by voters in a 2016 referendum.

Former U.K. Independence Party leader Nigel Farage announced Saturday that he would join a cross-country bus tour by the group Leave Means Leave to oppose Prime Minister Theresa May's plan for future ties with the EU, which he branded a "cowardly sell-out." May is proposing to stick close to EU regulations in return for free trade in goods. The plan has infuriated Brexit-backers such as Farage and former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, who say it would leave the U.K. tethered to the bloc and unable to strike new trade deals around the world.

Britain and the EU aim to hammer out an agreement on divorce terms and future trade by October — or, at the latest, December — so that it can be approved by all individual EU countries before the U.K. leaves the bloc on March 29.

But talks have bogged down amid infighting with-

in May's divided Conservative government. Last week Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics put the chances of getting a Brexit deal at 50-50. U.K. businesses have warned that leaving without a deal could cause mayhem for trade and travel, bringing higher food prices, logjams around U.K. ports and disruption to everything from aviation to medical supplies. The U.K. government says it remains confident of reaching a deal, but is preparing for all outcomes. On Thursday it plans to publish the first in a series of technical reports outlining the effects a no-deal Brexit would have on various sectors and offering advice to businesses and the public on how to prepare.

Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab said the planning is "the responsible thing for any government to do, to mitigate the risks and make sure the U.K. is ready to make a success of Brexit." □

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## Quakes cut power, topple buildings on Indonesian island

By ROSIDIN SEMBAHULUN  
Associated Press

**SEMBALUN, Indonesia (AP)** — A strong earthquake has cut power across the Indonesian island of Lombok and destroyed buildings as the tourist hotspot tries to recover from a temblor earlier this month that killed hundreds of people. The shallow magnitude 6.9 quake that hit just after 10 p.m. Sunday was one of multiple powerful earthquakes in the northeast of the island that also caused landslides. The nighttime quake was followed by strong aftershocks.

An Associated Press report-



In this Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, photo, a Muslim woman walks past a mosque collapsed during Sunday's earthquake in Gangga, Lombok Island, Indonesia.

er in Sembalun subdistrict, on the island's northeast in the shadow of Mount Rinjani, said the latest quake caused panic, but

many people were already staying in tents following the deadly quake in early August and its hundreds of aftershocks. □

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## Italy bridge designer warned in 1979 of risk of corrosion

By NICOLE WINFIELD  
Associated Press

ROME (AP) — The Italian engineer who designed the Genoa bridge that collapsed and killed dozens warned four decades ago that it would require constant maintenance to remove rust given the effects of corrosion from sea air and pollution on the concrete.

RAI state television broadcast excerpts Sunday of the report that the late engineer Riccardo Morandi penned in 1979, 12 years after the bridge bearing his name was inaugurated in Genoa. The Associated Press downloaded the English-language report from an engineering news portal.

At the time of writing, Morandi said there was already a "well-known loss of superficial chemical resistance of the concrete" because of sea air and pol-



A view of the partially collapsed Morandi highway bridge, in Genoa, Italy, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018. The unofficial death toll in Tuesday's collapse rose to 43 Saturday.

Associated Press

lution from a nearby steel plant. He said he chose to write about it because the degradation represented a particular "perplexity" giv-

en the "aggressivity" of the corrosion that wasn't seen in similar structures in different environments.

Morandi reaffirmed the

soundness of the reinforced concrete bridge design he used but warned: "Sooner or later, maybe in a few years, it will be necessary to

resort to a treatment consisting of the removal of all traces of rust on the exposure of the reinforcements, to fill in the patches."

A huge section of the bridge collapsed Aug. 14 during a fierce storm, killing 43 people and forcing the evacuation of nearby residents in the densely built-up area.

The cause is under investigation, and a team of engineers appointed by the ministry of infrastructure and transportation carried out a preliminary inspection Sunday after rescue crews concluded their search for the missing.

The head of the government team, Roberto Ferazza, said the preliminary survey suggested a series of possible causes and not just a simple collapse of the bridge support since the span appears to have initially experienced a distortion. □



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## Over 2 million Muslims begin annual hajj pilgrimage

Muslim pilgrims walks towards the Grand Mosque, to offer prayers ahead of the annual Hajj pilgrimage, in the Muslim holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, Muslim holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018.

**By OMAR AKOUR, Associated Press**

**MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP)**

— More than 2 million Muslims began the annual hajj pilgrimage at first light on Sunday in Saudi Arabia, circling the cube-shaped Kaaba in Mecca that Islam's faithful face five times each day during their prayers.

The five-day hajj pilgrimage represents one of the world's biggest gatherings every year, and is required of all able-bodied Muslims once in their life.

The hajj offers pilgrims an

opportunity to feel closer to God amid the Muslim world's many challenges, including the threat of violence and extremists in the Mideast and the plight of Myanmar's Muslim Rohingya minority.

"We are very blessed by Allah to be in this place, and we pray to Allah to make the Islamic nations from the West to the East in a better situation," said Essam-Eddin Afifi, a pilgrim from Egypt. "We pray for the Islamic nations to overcome their enemies."

Muslims believe the hajj re-

traces the footsteps of the Prophet Muhammad, as well as those of the prophets Ibrahim and Ismail — Abraham and Ishmael in the Bible. Muslims believe God stayed the hand of Ibrahim after commanding him to sacrifice his son, Ismail. In the Christian and Jewish version of the story, Abraham is ordered to kill his other son, Isaac.

The Kaaba represents the metaphorical house of God and the oneness of God.

Muslims circle the Kaaba counter-clockwise seven

times while reciting supplications to God, then walk between the two hills traveled by Hagar, Ibrahim's wife. Mecca's Grand Mosque, the world's largest, encompasses the Kaaba and the two hills.

After prayers in Mecca, pilgrims will head to an area called Mount Arafat on Monday, where the Prophet Muhammad delivered his final sermon. From there, pilgrims will head to an area called Muzdalifa, picking up pebbles along the way for a symbolic stoning of the devil and a

casting away of sins that takes place in the Mina valley for three days.

At the hajj's end, male pilgrims will shave their hair and women will cut a lock of hair in a sign of renewal for completing the pilgrimage. Around the world, Muslims will mark the end of hajj with a celebration called Eid al-Adha. The holiday, remembering Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son, sees Muslims slaughter sheep and cattle, distributing the meat to the poor.

Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki, the spokesman of the Saudi Interior Ministry, told journalists Saturday that over 2 million Muslims from abroad and inside the kingdom would be taking part in this year's hajj.

Saudi Arabia's ruling Al Saud family stakes its legitimacy in part on its management of the holiest sites in Islam. King Salman's official title is the "Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques," at Mecca and Medina. Other Saudi kings, and the Ottoman rulers of the Hijaz region before them, all have adopted the honorary title. The kingdom has spent billions of dollars of its vast oil revenues on security and safety measures, particularly in Mina, where some of the hajj's deadliest incidents have occurred. The worst in recorded history took place only three years ago. On Sept. 24, 2015, a stampede and crush of pilgrims in Mina killed at least 2,426 people, according to an Associated Press count. □

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## Venezuelans jittery ahead of sudden economic reforms

By SCOTT SMITH  
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Residents across Venezuela's capital spent a nervous weekend bracing for dramatic measures that President Nicolas Maduro has announced to rescue a downward-spiraling economy, including a more-than-3,000 percent hike in the minimum wage. The changes start to kick in Monday with the introduction of a new currency that lops five zeros off the country's fast-depreciating bills. Maduro says he'll also raise gasoline prices to international levels — a combination of measures critics say will only make things worse. Opposition leaders seized on tension among residents, calling for a nationwide strike and protest Tuesday. They hope to draw masses into the streets against Maduro's socialist ruling party — something they've failed to do in over a year.

Banks will close Monday as they prepare to release the "sovereign bolivar," the new currency printed with five fewer zeroes in a bid to tame soaring inflation. Maduro's government says that in late-September, the world's cheapest gas will rise to international levels to curtail rampant smuggling across borders.

Maduro said Friday that the minimum wage will also soon jump dramatically.

Economists say the package of measures is likely to accelerate hyperinflation rather than address its core economic troubles, like oil

production plunging to levels last seen in 1947.

"The bolivar's redenomination will be like going under the knife of one of Caracas' famed plastic surgeons," Johns Hopkins University economist Steve Hanke wrote on [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com). "Appearances change, but, in reality, nothing changes. That's what's in store for the bolivar: a face-lift."

Lines on Saturday were longer than normal at a Caracas street market, where people stocked up due to uncertainty about what will come this week. Many were frustrated by bank card readers that were slow to register or that failed altogether, forcing some to leave their goods walking away empty-handed.

"You have to be patient," a shop worker selling grains told a growing line of customers. Many other stores remained closed, uncertain what prices to set for their goods.

Venezuela was once among Latin America's most prosperous nations, holding the world's largest proven oil reserves, but a recent fall in oil prices accompanied by corruption and mismanagement under two decades of socialist rule have left the economy in a historic economic and political crisis.

Inflation this year could top 1 million percent, according to economists at the International Monetary Fund. Inflation has made it difficult to find paper money. The largest bill under the outgoing cash system was



Butchers sell low quality meat and bones at Las Pulgas market in Maracaibo, Venezuela, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018.

the 100,000-bolivar note, equal to less than 3 cents on the commonly used black market exchange rate. A cup of coffee cost more than 2 million bolivars. The new paper bills will have two coins and paper denominations ranging from 2 up to 500. The lowest represents the buying power of 200,000 current bolivars while the highest stands in for 50 million. The old and new currencies will remain in circulation together during a transitional period. The government made a similar move in 2008, when then-President Hugo Chavez issued new currency that eliminated three zeros to combat soaring inflation.

Maduro also announced

Friday a more-than-3,000 percent leap in the minimum wage, bringing it up to around \$30 at the widely used black market rate. It's unclear when the change will start.

Adding to confusion, Maduro said he wants to peg wages, prices and pensions to the petro — a cryptocurrency announced in February but which has yet to start circulating. He said one petro would equal \$60, with the goal of moving toward a single floating exchange rate in the future tied to the digital currency. "The next few days will be very confusing for both consumers and the private sector, especially commercial retailers," said Asdrubal Oliveros, director of Caracas-based Ecoanalitica.

Associated Press

"It's a chaotic scenario."

A coalition of opposition leaders and union officials said Sunday they are calling for a strike and protest on Tuesday.

"The measures announced on Friday are not any economic recovery plan for the country," opposition leader Andres Velasquez said. "On the contrary, they represent more hunger, more ruin, more poverty, more suffering, more pain, more inflation, more deterioration of the economy." Business owners say they fear the sudden wage hike would make them unable to pay employees without sharply increasing prices, despite Maduro's call to help small and mid-sized businesses for the first three months. □



# Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan dies at age 80

By **FRANCIS KOKUTSE and JOHN HEILPRIN**

**Associated Press**

**ACCRA, Ghana (AP) —**

Kofi Annan, a charismatic global diplomat and the first black African to become United Nations secretary-general who led the world body through one of its most turbulent periods, died early Saturday at age 80.

Tributes flowed in from around the world after his foundation announced his death in the Swiss capital, Bern, after a short and unspecified illness. The statement remembered the Nobel Peace Prize winner as “radiating genuine kindness, warmth and brilliance in all he did.”

He died “peacefully in his sleep,” the president of Ghana, where Annan was born, said after speaking to his wife.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, the U.N. flag flew at half-staff and a bouquet of flowers was placed under Annan’s portrait. Reflecting the widespread regard that won him a groundbreaking uncontested election to a second term, leaders from Russia, India, Israel, France and elsewhere expressed condolences for a man Bill Gates called “one of the great peacemakers of our time.”

Annan spent virtually his entire career as an administrator in the United Nations. His aristocratic style, cool-tempered elegance and political savvy helped guide his ascent to become its seventh secretary-general, and the first hired from within.

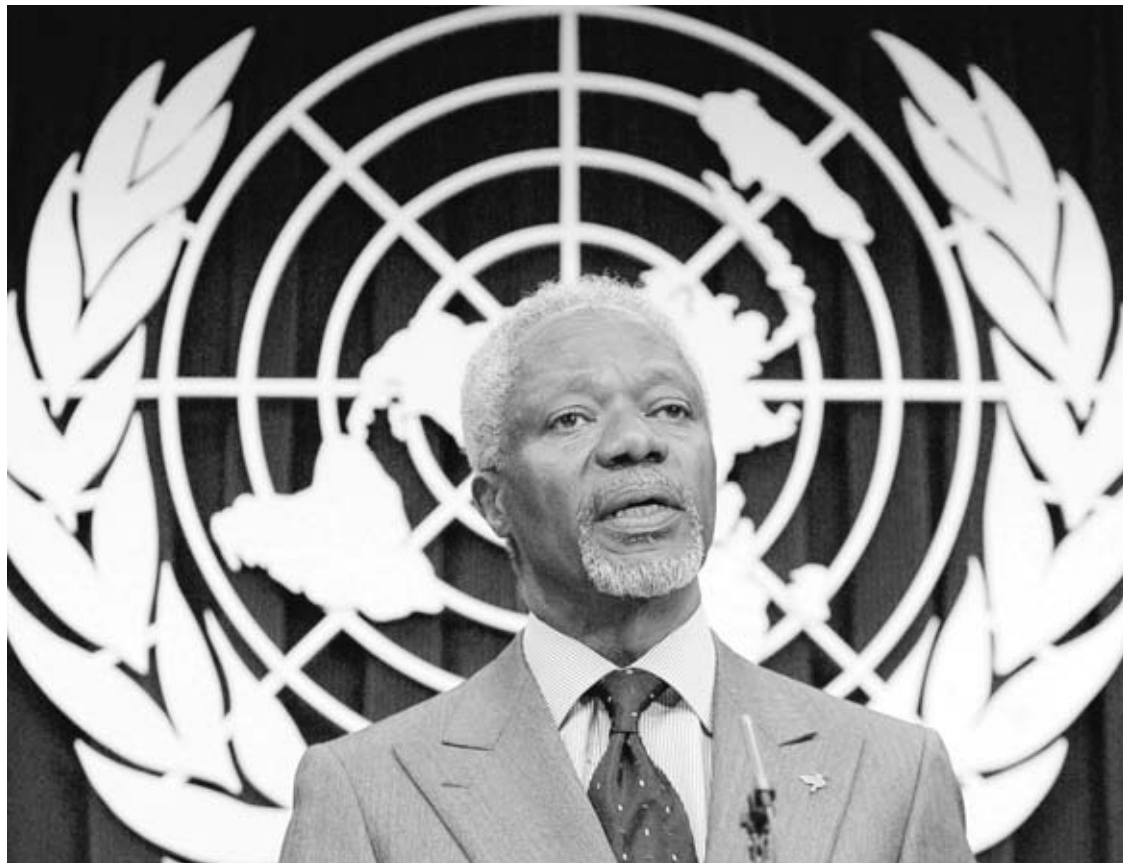
His two terms were from Jan. 1, 1997, to Dec. 31, 2006, capped nearly midway when he and the U.N. were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001. During his tenure, Annan presided over some of the worst failures and scandals at the world body. Challenges from the outset forced him to spend much of his time struggling to restore its tarnished reputation.

His enduring moral prestige remained largely undent-

ed, however, both through charm and by virtue of having negotiated with most of the powers in the world.

the Sept. 11 attacks — then divided deeply over the U.S.-led war against Iraq. The U.S. relationship tested

never afraid to speak candidly. That didn’t always win him fans, particularly in the case of Bush’s admin-



**In this Tuesday March 29, 2005 file photo United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan addresses a news conference at the United Nations.**

**Associated Press**

When he departed from the United Nations, he left behind a global organization far more aggressively engaged in peacekeeping and fighting poverty, setting the framework for its 21st-century response to mass atrocities and its emphasis on human rights and development.

“In many ways, Kofi Annan was the United Nations,” current U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said.

“He rose through the ranks to lead the organization into the new millennium with matchless dignity and determination.”

Even out of office, Annan never completely left the U.N. orbit. He returned in special roles, including as the U.N.-Arab League’s special envoy to Syria in 2012. He remained a powerful advocate for global causes through his eponymous foundation.

Annan took on the top U.N. post six years after the collapse of the Soviet Union and presided during a decade when the world united against terrorism after

him as a world diplomatic leader.

“I think that my darkest moment was the Iraq war, and the fact that we could not stop it,” Annan said in a February 2013 interview with TIME magazine to mark the publication of his memoir, “Interventions: A Life in War and Peace.”

“I worked very hard — I was working the phone, talking to leaders around the world. The U.S. did not have the support in the Security Council,” Annan recalled in the videotaped interview posted on his foundation’s website.

“So they decided to go without the council. But I think the council was right in not sanctioning the war,” he said. “Could you imagine if the U.N. had endorsed the war in Iraq, what our reputation would be like? Although at that point, President (George W.) Bush said the U.N. was headed toward irrelevance, because we had not supported the war. But now we know better.”

Despite his well-honed diplomatic skills, Annan was

istration, with whom Annan’s camp spent much time bickering. Much of his second term was spent at odds with the United States, the U.N.’s biggest contributor, as he tried to lean on it to pay almost \$2 billion in arrears.

At the end of his Nobel acceptance speech Annan reminded the world why such pressure is necessary. “Beneath the surface of states and nations, ideas and language, lies the fate of individual human beings in need,” he said. “Answering their needs will be the mission of the United Nations in the century to come.”

Kofi Atta Annan was born April 8, 1938, into an elite family in Kumasi, Ghana, the son of a provincial governor and grandson of two tribal chiefs.

He shared his middle name Atta — “twin” in Ghana’s Akan language — with a twin sister, Efua. He became fluent in English, French and several African languages, attending an elite boarding school and the University of Science and Technol-

ogy in Kumasi. He finished his undergraduate work in economics at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1961. From there he went to Geneva, where he began his graduate studies in international affairs and launched his U.N. career.

Annan married Titi Alakija, a Nigerian woman, in 1965, and they had a daughter, Ama, and a son, Kojo. He returned to the U.S. in 1971 and earned a master’s degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Sloan School of Management.

The couple separated during the 1970s and, while working in Geneva, Annan met his second wife, Swedish lawyer Nane Lagergren. They married in 1984.

Annan worked for the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa in Ethiopia, its Emergency Force in Egypt and the office of the High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva before taking a series of senior posts at U.N. headquarters in New York dealing with human resources, budget, finance and staff security.

He also had special assignments. After Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, he facilitated the repatriation from Iraq of more than 900 international staff and other non-Iraqi nationals, and the release of Western hostages in Iraq. He led the initial negotiations with Iraq for the sale of oil in exchange for humanitarian relief.

The U.N. peacekeeping operation faced two of its greatest failures during his tenure: the Rwanda genocide in 1994 and the massacre in the Bosnian town of Srebrenica in July 1995.

In both cases, the U.N. had deployed troops under Annan’s command, but they failed to save the lives of the civilians they were mandated to protect.

Annan offered apologies but ignored calls to resign by U.S. Republican lawmakers. After becoming secretary-general, he called for U.N. reports on those two debacles — and they were highly critical of his management. □



# LOCAL



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## Exhibiting the national count of the population of Aruba (1960-2020)

**ORANJESTAD —** A census is the procedure of systematically acquiring and recording information about the members of a given population. The term is used mostly in connection with national population and housing censuses; other common censuses include agriculture, business, and traffic censuses.

This week the National Library of Aruba together with the Central Bureau of Statics will be holding an exhibition about the population count of Aruba registered from 1960 till 2020.

The exhibition will take place this week from Au-

gust 20-24 at the National Library of Aruba in Oranjestad. Visitors will receive an ample explanation of the development of Aruba's population since 1960 and what the projection will be for 2020.

Here is a view of the numbers for Census 2010

The total population of Aruba in 2010 was of 10,484 people. 48% were men and 52% women.

The population is divided into these categories:

- 0-14 years (21%)
- 15-24 years (12%)

- 25-64 years (57%)
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- 18-24 (43,7%)
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- Never married (51,7%)
- Married (34,7%)
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- Widow (3,9%)

In 2010 there were 234,880 households. A total of 58.2% of the population was em-

ployed, with the age of 15 years or older, in which 62.7% were men and 54.2% were women.

In 2010, the 5 top nationalities on the island were: Dutch, Colombians, Venezuelans, Dominicans and Haitians. 66% of the population was born in Aruba and 34% was born abroad.

Exhibition will be starting August 20th till Friday 24th from 8.00 AM till 7:00PM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and from 8.00 AM till 5:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday. For more information visit the facebook page of Biblioteca Nacional Aruba. □



## Increase in RevPar due to the situation in the Caribbean

**ORANJESTAD —** In order to know if there was an increase or decrease in tourism, Aruba hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) receives from all associated hotels a monthly report of their numbers.

For the month of July the hotel occupancy was 87.3% which is a bit higher compared to June 2018. This is a normal format for the months of July and August for the occupancy to be higher compared to May and June. Nevertheless July 2018 was 0.9 points lower compared to July 2017. Eventhough there were less visitors staying at the hotels in July 2018, hotels managed to charge a higher average daily rate (ADR) with a result of the RevPar (revenue per available room) to be \$213.05 which was 11.8% higher compared to same month of 2017.



The reason they were able to charge more per room in the first 7 months of 2018 was because of the hurricanes of September 2017 caused for many hotels in the Caribbean region to

close due to severe damage. Hotels in these island that suffered severe damages are being renovated and are starting to operate again. In the meanwhile while these hotels remain

close Aruba can benefit from it due to the lack of rooms in the Caribbean and therefore can charge more and see a positive increase in RevPar.

It is projected that by mid 2019 the majority of these hotels in the region will be up and running with their completely renovated properties. Hotels revenues are very important because the room tax paid by the tourist goes back to Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) to be used for marketing and to attract more visitors to our island.

Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) was founded in 1965 to represent the tourism sector of Aruba. AHATA represents at the same time 100 members which are companies providing their services to the tourism of Aruba. Membership varies from hotels, timeshares, tour operators and watersports, and many more companies. AHATA's main role is to influence sustainable achievement for the industry of Aruba. □



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The symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, Transportation, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-20 and more consecutive years.

The Honorees are Mrs. Debra Norman, Mrs. Maria Alejandra Redondo, Mrs. Maria de Jose Redondo and Mrs. Maria Carolyn Redondo from Venezuela. They have been honored as "Goodwill Ambassadors" with 20 consecutive years coming to Aruba.

And also from the US, Mr. David & Mrs. Nancy Cassidy together with their children Amanda Cassidy and Dylan Cassidy were honored as "Distinguished Visitors" with 10 consecutive years coming to Aruba. The honorees loves Aruba, the friendly people, the beaches and the extraordinary weather.

Ms. Emely Ridderstaat together with the GM Mr. Luigi Heredia and Miriam and Gloria from Costa Linda presented the certificate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □





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## Red/pink Sunset Months!!



We are reaching the months of red/pink sunsets. After years of taking landscape photos here in Aruba I can forecast the sunset colors and sure is related to the month we are in. September is a very hot climate month but with spectacular sunsets. Around the 20th of September to mid October you will see how nature gives her own show at sunset in red/pink sunset with some light blue in it. Hope you are here to see this nature show.

## Cunuco House at Rooi Prikichi



There is the right time for every picture and as a photographer you must wait for the perfect moment and this can take days or even months. This is a shot from last year of a traditional Aruban Cunuco House. This house can be seen when going to the natural Bridge on you left. A very unique house between cactuses giving the perfect identity of Aruba.

## Italian cowboy celebrating 60th wedding anniversary



I did a photo shoot with this lovely couple that came to Aruba to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. He told me that he have many cows and goats but that he is the only Italian that don't like cheese. He started raising cows since he was a little boy in Italy and than moved to the states with his parents and continued working on the farm. He ate so many cheese that he said one day, NO more cheese!! He told me that he is still in love with his beautiful American wife!

## Dutch Architecture



The Dutch Architecture can be seen in Oranjestad but painted in Caribbean colors.

In 1634 Aruba became part of the Netherlands territory and remained under their control for nearly two centuries. In 1796 they named the town "Oranjestad" and is still the capital of our dushi Aruba. During the two centuries they built many buildings with the Dutch architecture. Please go take a walk in Oranjestad to see many spectacular buildings.



## Happy Island miracles in pictures & words



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### **Aruba Point to Point by Federico Cabello**

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The book is a selection of columns written by Rona Coster between 1992 and 2004. The column appeared for the first time under the title Island Life in 1992 in The News, a local English-language newspaper. The Island Life columns were very factual and had a very strong educational undertone. Marking its 25th anniversary the column has become part of Aruba's history and collective memory. "For those who were part of history to remember those days and

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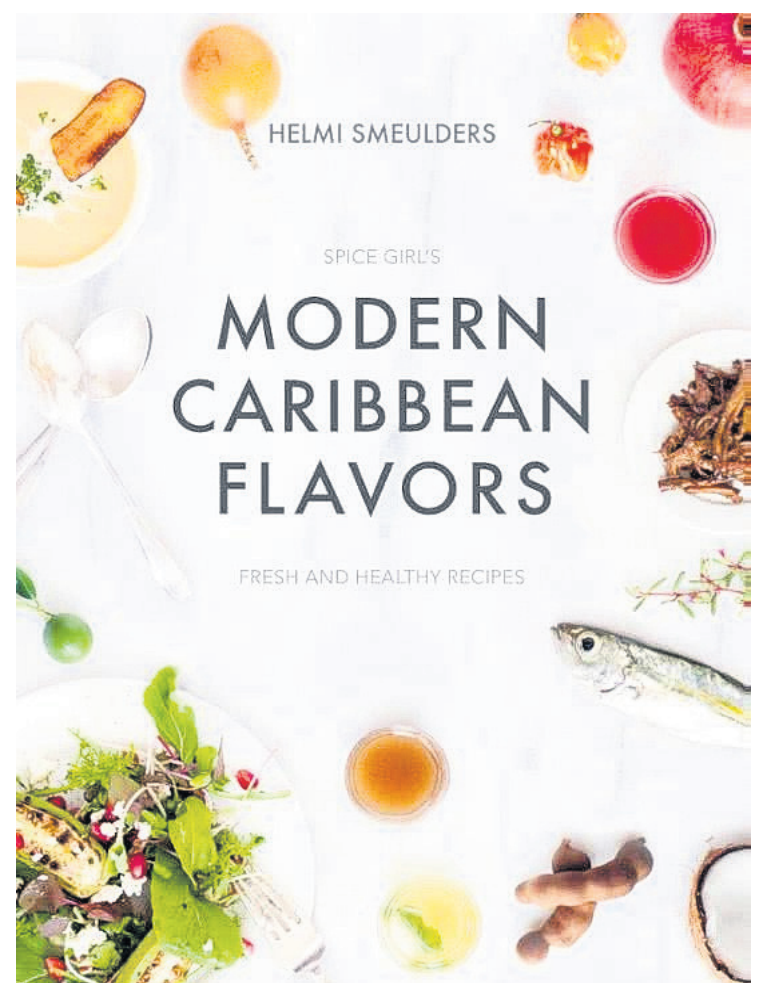


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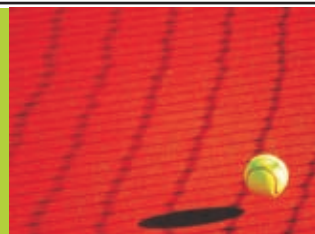
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# SPORTS



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, reacts after defeating Roger Federer, of Switzerland, during the finals at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Mason, Ohio.

Associated Press

## Finally! Djokovic beats Federer for 1st Cincinnati title

By JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

**MASON, Ohio (AP)** — Novak Djokovic finally mastered the one tournament that's eluded him, beating nemesis Roger Federer 6-4, 6-4 on Sunday for his first Western & Southern Open championship.

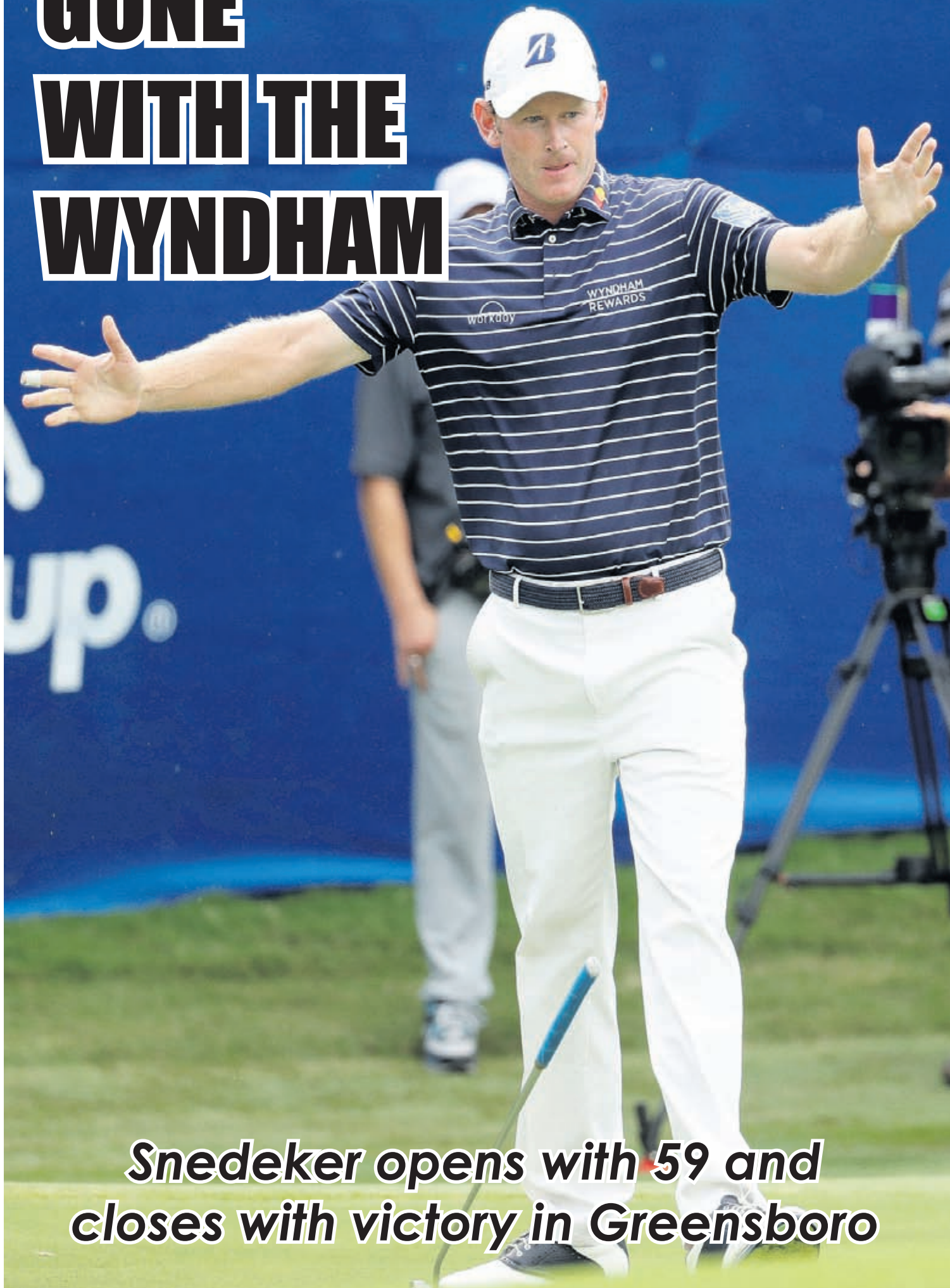
He got the better of a nostalgic rematch — they hadn't played in two years because of injuries — and broke through in a tournament that Federer has won seven times, never losing a title match.

After Federer's forehand sailed wide for the deciding point, Djokovic raised both arms and roared. Then he jumped and punched the air before giving his racket to a fan and tossing his sweatbands into the stands.

No need for mementos. That first Rookwood pottery trophy will be enough.

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# GONE WITH THE WYNDHAM



## *Snedeker opens with 59 and closes with victory in Greensboro*

Brandt Snedeker reacts as he makes a putt on the 18th hole to win the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018.

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# Kershaw wins 150th, Turner 5 RBIs, Dodgers beat Seattle 12-1

By DAIMON EKLUND

Associated Press

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Clayton Kershaw has rarely needed much run support to pull out a win. The Los Angeles Dodgers made sure Sunday he had more than enough for a milestone victory. The Dodgers scored five runs before Kershaw took the mound, and the three-time NL Cy Young Award winner shut down the Seattle Mariners over seven innings for his 150th career win in a 12-1 rout. The offensive explosion came a day after the Mariners beat Los Angeles on a 10th-inning, game-ending balk. "To lose it in that situation is tough. And to come right back on a day game, there could be a little hang-over effect," Kershaw said. "Our guys, coming out in the first inning like that is a big testament to them. That was awesome today." Kershaw (6-5) gave up one run on four hits, struck out seven and walked one. The 30-year-old lefty improved to 150-69.

Justin Turner tied career highs with four hits and five RBIs, including a three-run homer in the ninth inning with position player Andrew Romine on the mound. Turner extended his hitting streak to 13 games.

Enrique Hernandez had an RBI single as part of the Dodgers' five-run first inning. He added his 18th home run and a bases-loaded walk as the Dodgers won for the third time in four games.

Cody Bellinger pushed his own hitting streak to 12 games with three hits and two RBIs for Los Angeles.

"It was an outstanding job by the entire offense today," Turner said. "I feel like up and down the lineup guys are all feeling pretty good." The Dodgers tagged Seattle starter Roenis Elias (2-1). He had been on the disabled list with a left triceps strain since July 31 and was activated to start against the Dodgers. Elias lasted three innings, giving up the five runs and seven hits. "Elias usually goes out there and competes and lets it fly

and takes his chances. We didn't see today that in the first inning," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "You get behind early like that to a really good club it can get ugly." Los Angeles kept adding to the lead against the Mariners bullpen, scoring a run in five of the last six innings. Ryon Healy had two of Seattle's five hits, including a run-scoring single in the fourth.

## ROSTER MOVE

Before the game, the Mariners recalled RHP Chasen Bradford from Triple-A Tacoma and optioned INF Gordon Beckham and LHP James Pazos to Tacoma.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Dodgers: SS Manny Machado left the game after being hit on the wrist by Romine in the ninth. Manager Dave Roberts said Machado got X-rays as a precaution, but he was expected to be fine.

Mariners: LHP James Paxton, on the 10-day DL with a left arm contusion, played catch for the first time since getting hit by a line drive on Tuesday. "I felt good. No problems," said Paxton, who threw from about 70 feet during the session. ... C Chris Hermann left the game in the third inning with a right knee contusion after being hit by a foul ball.

## PERFECT ENDING

Los Angeles reliever Zac Rosscup struck out the side in the ninth inning on nine pitches.

## UP NEXT

Dodgers: LHP Alex Wood (7-6, 3.51 ERA) faces the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday. Wood allowed one run on three hits over five innings in his last start against the Giants.

Mariners: RHP Felix Hernandez (8-11, 5.62) will make his 399th career start Monday against Houston. Hernandez had been demoted to the bullpen and made his first career relief appearance last week but is starting in place of the injured Paxton. "Felix doesn't have to go out there and shut the world out — he just has to be competitive and throw the ball over the plate," Servais said. □



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw throws against the Seattle Mariners in the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Seattle.

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Brandt Snedeker poses with the trophy after winning the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018.

Associated Press

## Brandt Snedeker wins Wyndham Championship by 3 strokes

By JOEDY McCREARY

AP Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) —

Brandt Snedeker began the Wyndham Championship with history — and ended it with a victory.

Snedeker earned his ninth PGA Tour title Sunday, three days after opening with an 11-under 59.

He closed with a 65 for a three-stroke victory in the regular-season finale, breaking a tie with C.T. Pan on the final hole with a birdie and Pan's double bogey in the group ahead. Snedeker finished at 21-under 259 for his first win since 2016 and his second at the tournament, but first at Sedgefield Country Club, to close what he called "the most stressful week I've ever had in professional golf."

"Shooting 59 on Thursday, your expectations go through the roof," Snedeker said, also expressing pride that he could "cap it off the way we did today, to play pretty much a flaw-

less round of golf."

Pan shot a 66 to tie for second with Webb Simpson. Simpson matched his career-best with a 62.

"I feel like it was a round I needed to make a push to the leaderboard," Simpson said.

"Brandt's obviously had a great week ... so I knew it was going to take something super low."

Snedeker opened the tournament with the 59 that made him the first tour player this year and just the 10th ever to break 60, then on the final day played 29 holes at 5 under to seal it. He's the fifth tour player to shoot in the 50s and then win the tournament.

He was never in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in his career, but the victory gave him a huge jump on the points list.

He climbed 50 spots to No. 30 on the list, after arriving at 80th — which would have been his lowest finish.

"To be perfectly frank, I didn't have any chance at all" to win the FedEx Cup before this week, the 2012 playoff champion said. "After this week, I feel like I have a chance."

For a while, it looked like it might come down to a playoff between Pan and Snedeker, who were even at 20 under entering Pan's final hole.

But the 26-year-old from Taiwan ran into big trouble: Pan shanked his tee shot out of bounds off a cart path down the right side of the fairway and needed four shots, including the penalty stroke, to reach the green on the par 4.

Pan said he heard "a couple noises in my head which caused me to hit a bad shot."

"It's my fault. I can learn something from it," he said.

"I only played one bad hole, which is fine. You know, I've still got a lot of golf left."

With the victory seemingly inevitable at that point, Snedeker sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th to end it, making him the 10th player to win in Greensboro multiple times.

His victory here in 2007 was the first of his career, and this time he finished one stroke shy of Henrik Stenson's year-old tournament record.

"Wanting so desperately to win this tournament, it was just a lot of emotion this week," he said.

Severe weather led organizers to suspend the third round with 30 players still on the course and bring everybody back to Sedgefield on Sunday morning, leaving Snedeker with 29 holes to play on the final day.

He wrapped up that round with a one-stroke lead at 16 under before heading back onto the course. Since the tournament moved here in 2008, every third-round leader who was that far under par has gone on to win.

The other subplot at Sedgefield is the last-minute push for the playoffs, which begin next week at The Northern Trust in New Jersey with the top 125 players qualifying. With every player who was between Nos. 122-127 missing the cut, there figured to be plenty of movement near the bubble.

Sergio Garcia will miss the playoffs for the first time in his career after winding up 131st on the points list. Harris English and Nick Taylor played their way in, with Taylor saying he would "kind of soak it in and realize that we've finally done it."

"It's really satisfying to finish it off," he said. □



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# Park reclaims No. 1 world ranking with playoff win in Indy

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —

Sung Hyun Park blew one chance to jump back on top of the world Sunday. The South Korean star made sure it didn't happen again.

After missing a short birdie putt on the final hole of regulation and leaving the door open for Lizette Salas, Park made a 15-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a playoff to win the Indy Women in Tech Championship and reclaim the No. 1 spot.

"I'm very honored to be ranked No. 1 and I hope to maintain that ranking for a long time," she said through an interpreter after shooting a 3-under 69 for a four-round total of 23-under 265. "I will try my best."

The 25-year-old South Korean held top spot for one week last November.

If she continues playing like she did this weekend, Park could retain it for quite a while.

She became the second three-time winner on tour this season and now won five LPGA Tour titles over the past two years — including two majors.

And aside from a rare mishit, which led to a double bogey Saturday, Park played the Brickyard Crossing Golf Course almost flawlessly.

She opened with a 68 on Thursday, followed with a 63 on Friday and started in the next-to-last paring after settling for 66 on Saturday.

After finishing, Park was whisked away to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's finish line, where she celebrated by kissing the bricks and taking the traditional sip of milk — though she declined to take the milk bath as the event's inaugural winner, Lexi Thompson, did



Sung Hyun Park, of South Korea, tees off on the first hole during the final round of the Indy Women in Tech Championship golf tournament, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, Indianapolis.

last year. "I didn't expect that tradition, but I was pleased to do it," Park said. But she needed some help to reach the winner's circle. Salas had a two-shot lead after a birdie on the par-4, 13th and seemed perfectly positioned to end her personal victory drought of more than four years — even after Park cut the lead to one with a birdie at No. 14.

Then the tournament that had been full of low scores and light on drama suddenly switched.

Salas, who had missed only three fairways all week, hit drives into the rough on the last two holes of regulation. She dropped into a tie after making bogey at the par-4, 17th and got a reprieve when Park's birdie

putt for the lead on No. 18 slid just to the right of the hole. Salas then hit her approach shot from the deep rough on No. 18 within five feet, giving her a chance to win. But after backing away from the putt, she also missed.

"I could have freaked out, I could have done a lot of other things, but I stayed patient and I hit the shot I wanted," she said of the chip. "All I could ask for was an opportunity."

Salas, hitting first, drove down the middle of the fairway within 90 yards of the hole. Park answered with a drive about 30 yards longer.

Both chipped onto the green with makeable birdie putts, but Salas' curved just left of the hole.

Park's putt, meanwhile, dropped cleanly in the middle of the cup.

"I was not nervous at all," Park said. "When the other person missed the putt, I felt relieved that I would make it."

Salas' fifth career runner-up finish might have been the most frustrating.

After finishing tied for fifth in last year's 54-hole tournament here with three sub-par rounds, she opened this year's event with a course record-tying 62 on Thursday. She then had rounds of 69 and 64 and 69 and stayed atop the leader board through every hole Sunday — until Park's final putt.

"I stuck with my game plan and a couple of putts could have dropped," she

said. "But you've just got to roll with it." Amy Kang, of South Korea, wound up third after shooting 69 to finish at 22-under 266.

Thailand's Ariya Jutanugarn needed to finish higher than sixth to retain her hold on the No. 1 spot. Jutanugarn tied for seventh after shooting 66 for an 18-under 270.

Thompson birdied the final hole to finish 1 under for the day and 17 under in her first tournament following a monthlong break to recover from physical and mental exhaustion.

But it was Park who delivered an eighth straight win for non-Americans.

"My goal was to win three times this year," Park said. "I'm trying hard, so maybe I will win again." □

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# Titans, Eagles lead NFL with most lowering-head penalties

By **TERESA M. WALKER**

AP Pro Football Writer

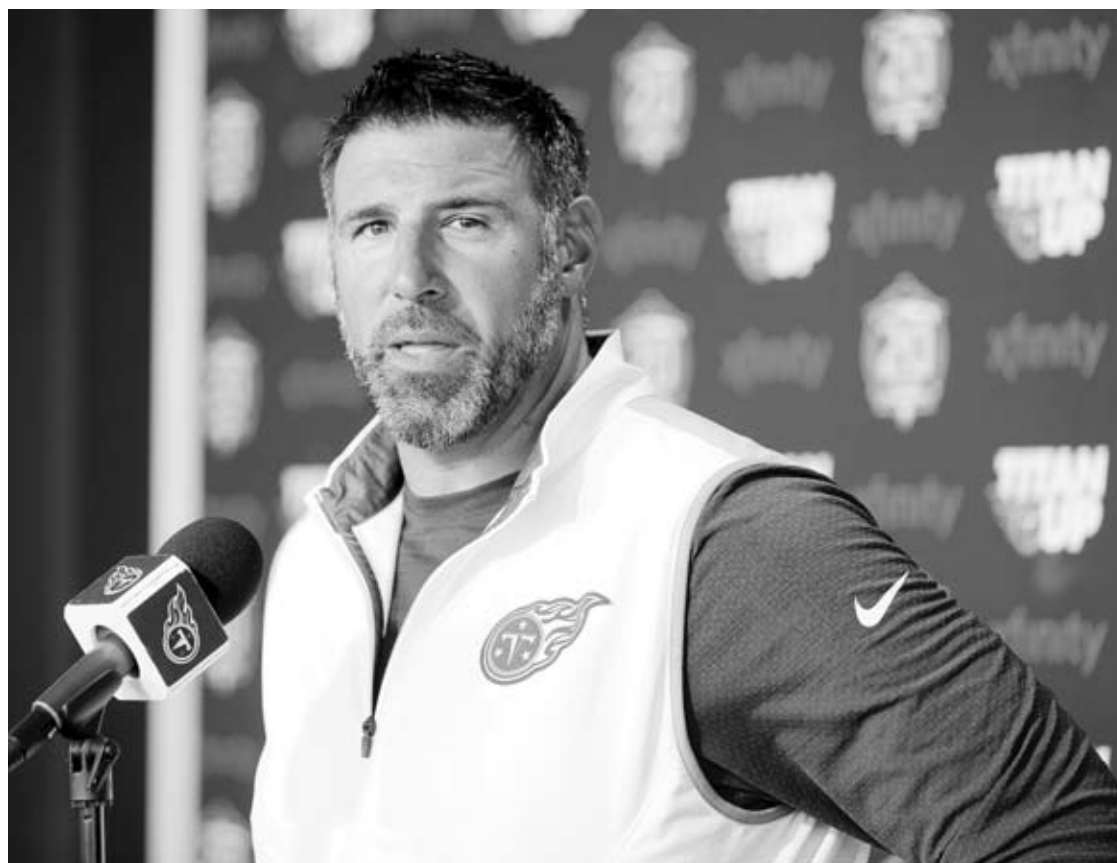
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

The NFL tapped Titans coach Mike Vrabel to narrate a video detailing the new rule on lowering the head to initiate contact, hoping the man who played 14 years as a linebacker in the league could more easily explain how players should adapt.

Now Vrabel's own Titans (0-2) find themselves tied with defending champion Philadelphia for the most lowering-the-head penalties through two preseason games with five apiece. Tennessee was flagged three times for the new rule in an opening loss in Green Bay, and the Titans added two more in Saturday night's 30-14 loss to Tampa Bay. Getting it right matters because any player initiating contact with his helmet could be ejected after an in-game video review decided in New York.

So far this preseason, blame either the player making contact, the speed of the game or everyone still getting used to the new rule.

"Pretty much all those are going to fall into one of those categories," Vrabel said Sunday. Titans safety



In this July 27, 2018, file photo, Tennessee Titans head coach Mike Vrabel answers questions during a news conference after a practice at NFL football training camp in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

Kenny Vaccaro drew one penalty for running across the field to tackle Bucs wide receiver Mike Evans at the end of a 38-yard reception on the sideline. Wide receiver Nick Williams was flagged late in the third quarter while on punt coverage, costing the Titans 15 yards.

Vrabel said Vaccaro has

to do a better job avoiding contact with the crown of his helmet while trying to break up the pass. The coach wasn't sure if Williams made contact, but noted the receiver's head was in the linear position the NFL is trying to eliminate from the game. The Titans will turn those plays into the league for an explanation.

The coach said he already showed his team an eight-minute video from the NFL of penalties in the first week of the preseason.

"We'll keep doing that and we'll keep coaching it and we'll keep stressing it, and hopefully it doesn't, one, lead to injuries, or two, cost us yards," Vrabel said.

Even though the rule is new,

six NFL teams that have played two preseason games have not been flagged even once for lowering the head to initiate contact. Indianapolis, who plays Baltimore on Monday night, was not flagged in its preseason opener. Behind the Titans and Eagles, five teams have been penalized under the rule three times apiece: Arizona, Atlanta, Carolina, the Rams and San Francisco.

Chicago has three such penalties through three exhibitions. The Titans have been penalized 25 times for 258 yards through two games. Asked if officials might be a bit overzealous enforcing the rule during the preseason before hopefully scaling back in the regular season, Vrabel said he wasn't really sure.

"I try to do my job. They ask me to provide a video, a voiceover video, on what I thought was the right way to play outside linebacker or inside linebacker taking these blocks on, tackling. I thought I tried to go through and provide examples of what was good and what was probably needed to be fixed and changed in some of the style of play," Vrabel said. □

## Cincinnati

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Djokovic is the first to claim all nine ATP Masters 1000 events since the series started in 1990. It had become his personal quest after he lost in the finals five times — three against Federer.

Djokovic leads their all-time series 24-22, doing much better in the biggest matches. He's 3-1 against Federer in Grand Slam finals and 12-6 overall in championship matches, including wins at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2015.

Djokovic completed a long comeback from elbow surgery by winning his fourth Wimbledon title last month, then set out to get his hard-court game in order for the U.S. Open. He got better as the rainy week went on in

Cincinnati, playing his best at the end. Federer's serve had been untouchable all week — held for 46 consecutive games. Djokovic broke that streak to go up 4-3 in the opening set, prompting Federer to mutter angrily. Djokovic served out the set, and then traded breaks with Federer early in the second set.

Federer's game was off — 28 unforced errors — and Djokovic took full advantage. He broke him again to go up 4-3 and served it out.

In the women's bracket, top-ranked Simona Halep let a match point slip away during the second-set tiebreaker, and Kiki Bertens rallied for a 2-6, 7-6 (6), 6-2 victory in her first hard-court final.



Kiki Bertens, of the Netherlands, holds the Rookwood Cup after defeating Simona Halep, of Romania, during the finals at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Mason, Ohio.

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Bertens served a 109 mph ace, flipped her racket away, fell to her knees and raised both arms. Moments later, she covered her face for a joyous cry, wiping the tears away with her sweat-soaked blue wristband.

One point away from another loss, she had pulled off her biggest win, one that left her as stunned as everyone else. "I cannot find words for this moment," she said. The Dutch clay-court specialist ended Halep's

streak of nine straight wins, including the title at Montreal a week earlier. She'd never beaten a top-ranked player, but wore down Halep at the end of her two draining weeks. During the week in Cincinnati, Halep had one match suspended overnight by rain and wound up playing twice in one day to reach the semifinals. She controlled the first set on Sunday and had a chance to close it out, leading 6-5 in the tiebreaker. When that slipped away, she never recovered, playing her worst in the final set — 13 unforced errors that gave Bertens a chance to pull away.

"I had a match (point), so I was there," Halep said. "I didn't take my chance. In the third set, I was empty and I couldn't fight anymore." □





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Seattle Storm's Breanna Stewart brings the ball up against the New York Liberty during the second half of a WNBA basketball game Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, in Seattle. The Storm won 85-77.

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## Top-seeded Storm beat Wings 84-68 in regular-season finale

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Breanna Stewart and Crystal Langhorne had 15 points each to help the Seattle Storm beat the Dallas Wings 84-68 in the regular-season finale for both teams Sunday.

Sue Bird sat out the game and Stewart played just 13 minutes in the game that had no effect on the Storm's No. 1 playoff seed.

Seattle (26-8) closed the season winning eight of the last nine and will begin the playoffs in the semifinals with byes through the first two single-elimination rounds and home-court advantage throughout.

The Storm pulled away in the second quarter with an 18-5 run to lead 41-24. Dallas (15-19) cut it to 61-50 early in the third quarter before Seattle built to its largest lead at 79-54 at the end of the period.

Glory Johnson led the Wings with 16 points. Liz Cambage added 11 points, and Azura Stevens had 10.

### ATLANTA 93, LAS VEGAS 78

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Elizabeth Williams scored 20 points and the Atlanta Dream beat the Las Vegas Aces 93-78 on Sunday to take the No. 2 seed in the WNBA playoffs. The Dream (23-11) have byes through the first two single-elimination rounds, and will have home-court advantage in the best-of-five semifinals.

The Aces (14-20) cut it to 83-78 before Renee Montgomery hit back-to-back 3-pointers and Atlanta closed on a 10-0 run.

The Dream erased a 47-41 halftime deficit with an 8-2 run to open the third quarter and took the lead for good at 61-60 with 40.3 seconds left in the period.

Jessica Breland and Montgomery added 16 points each for Atlanta, Alex Bentley had 12, and Tiffany Hayes 11.

A'ja Wilson had 21 points, and Dearica Hamby added 14 for Las Vegas. The Aces finished one position out of the playoffs. □

## IndyCar's Wickens suffers 'orthopedic injuries' in crash

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) —

IndyCar driver Robert Wickens has been admitted to a hospital in nearby Allentown with what the series called "orthopedic injuries" sustained in a violent wreck early in the race Sunday. IndyCar said Wickens was awake and alert as he was airlifted from the track to the hospital and he was still being evaluated Sunday night.

The 29-year-old Canadian driver was attempting to pass Ryan Hunter-Reay when the two cars slightly touched. That caused Hunter-Reay's car to careen into the wall and Wickens' car was pulled along for the ride. Once Wickens' car soared over Hunter-Reay's and hit the fence, it spun round and round like a top.

The fencing was shredded and Wickens' car was reduced to just the tub, which came to a rest on the track along an interior wall.

Medical workers calmly attended to Wickens, who was taken to an ambulance before he was transported to the helicopter. The impact of the wreck tore out a large section of fencing that needed almost two hours to repair.

Alexander Rossi won the race and said it was "tough to celebrate" with Wickens in the hospital.

In 2015 at Pocono, Justin Wilson died from a head injury when a piece of debris from a crashed car bounced off the track and hit his helmet.

Hunter-Reay, James Hinchcliffe, Pietro Fittipaldi and Takuma Sato were among the drivers collected in



Robert Wickens prepares to qualify for Sunday's IndyCar series auto race, Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, in Long Pond, Pa.

Associated Press

Sunday's wreck. Hinchcliffe seemed to be in pain, grabbing his wrists as he slowly left his car. Hinchcliffe was cleared and released from the medical center. He declined to comment to reporters out of respect for Wickens.

"That's the worst thing you can see. He's hurt. He's awake and alert and at least he's alive," driver Sebastien Bourdais said.

The race was delayed nearly two hours and only eight laps in the 500-mile race had been completed because of Wickens' crash and another accident right before green. Graham Rahal got into the back of Spencer Pigot before the race even got to green. Pigot spun and hit the wall. "We can only hope one thing, that Robbie, Hinch and everyone involved is ok," Rahal tweeted during the delay. "These are the dangers we face, but we always hate to see it. The start can be debated for years, but doesn't matter right now, focus on the well-being of our friends and competitors."

Pocono Raceway president Ben May said about

80 feet of fence and a few posts were damaged in the wreck. Bourdais raised concerns about the quality of the repairs and condition of the fence before he got back in the car.

"It may not be the prettiest job but it's going to be safe," May said.

Bourdais said the repairs were "pretty lousy."

Hinchcliffe is a team teammate of Wickens on the all-Canadian team. The two raced each other as youngsters in Toronto and Hinchcliffe, runner-up on ABC's "Dancing With The Stars" in 2017, helped lure Wickens to IndyCar this season after a successful career in Europe.

The crash was a grim reminder how drivers in open-wheel racing put their lives on the line.

Hinchcliffe survived his own life-threatening injury when a broken part from his car pierced an artery during a 2015 crash at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Hinchcliffe would have bled to death if not for the medical team holding the artery together as it raced him from the track directly to a hospital. □



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## APNewsBreak: Google clarifies location-tracking policy



In this Aug. 8, 2018, file photo a mobile phone displays a user's travels using Google Maps in New York.

**By RYAN NAKASHIMA**  
**Technology Writer**  
**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Google has revised an erroneous description on its website of how its "Location History" setting works, clarifying that it continues to track users even if they've disabled the setting. The change came three days after an Associated Press investigation revealed that several Google apps and websites store user location even if users have turned off Location History. Google has not changed its location-tracking practice in that regard. But its help page for the Location History setting now states: "This setting does not affect other location services on your device." It also acknowledges that

"some location data may be saved as part of your activity on other services, like Search and Maps." Previously, the page stated: "With Location History off, the places you go are no longer stored." The AP observed that the change occurred midday Thursday, a finding confirmed by Internet Archive snapshots taken earlier in the day. The AP investigation found that even with Location History turned off, Google stores user location when, for instance, the Google Maps app is opened, or when users conduct Google searches that aren't related to location. Automated searches of the local weather on some Android phones also store the

phone's whereabouts. In a Thursday statement to the AP, Google said: "We have been updating the explanatory language about Location History to make it more consistent and clear across our platforms and help centers." The statement contrasted with a statement Google sent to the AP several days ago that said in part, "We provide clear descriptions of these tools." Jonathan Mayer, a Princeton computer scientist and former chief technologist for the Federal Communications Commission's enforcement bureau, said the wording change was a step in the right direction. But it doesn't fix the underlying confusion Google created by storing location in-

**Associated Press**  
formation in multiple ways, he said. "The notion of having two distinct ways in which you control how your location data is stored is inherently confusing," he said Thursday. "I can't think off the top of my head of any major online service that architected their location privacy settings in a similar way." K. Shankari, a UC Berkeley graduate researcher whose findings initially alerted the AP to the issue, said Thursday the change was a "good step forward," but added "they can make it better." For one thing, she said, the page still makes no mention of another setting called "Web & App Activity." Turning that setting off that would in fact stop re-

cording location data. Huge tech companies are under increasing scrutiny over their data practices, following a series of privacy scandals at Facebook and new data-privacy rules recently adopted by the European Union. Last year, the business news site Quartz found that Google was tracking Android users by collecting the addresses of nearby cellphone towers even if all location services were off. Google changed the practice and insisted it never recorded the data anyway. Critics say Google's insistence on tracking its users' locations stems from its drive to boost advertising revenue. It can charge advertisers more if they want to narrow ad delivery to people who've visited certain locations. Several observers also noted that Google is still bound by a 20-year agreement it struck with the Federal Trade Commission in 2011. That consent decree requires Google to not misrepresent to consumers how they can protect their privacy. Google agreed to that order in response to an FTC investigation of its now-defunct social networking service Google Buzz, which the agency accused of publicly revealing users' most frequent Gmail contacts. A year later, Google was fined \$22.5 million for breaking the agreement after it served some users of Apple's Safari browser so-called tracking cookies in violation of settings that were meant to prevent that. The FTC has declined to say whether it had begun investigating Google for how it has described Location History. □



# Justice lawyers try to halt Trump financial records release



This Dec. 21, 2016 file photo shows the Trump International Hotel at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, in Washington.

By **TAMI ABDOLLAH**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Justice Department lawyers asked a federal judge Friday to let them file a legal appeal that could, for now, keep President Donald Trump's critics from getting access to financial records related to his Washington, D.C., hotel.

Trump has been fighting multiple lawsuits that argue that foreign representatives' spending money at the Trump International Hotel is a violation of the U.S. Constitution's emoluments clause, which bans federal officials from accepting benefits from foreign or state governments without congressional approval. U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte, who is based in Maryland, ruled last month that one of those lawsuits could go forward.

In a sally to prevent the case moving on to legal

discovery — which would potentially unearth financial records such as Trump's income tax returns — Justice Department lawyers asked Messitte on Friday to put the case on hold while they appeal his decision to a higher court in Richmond, Virginia.

The plaintiffs, the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia, have said they plan to move forward quickly with discovery — for example, seeking information from the hotel, a Trump hotel steakhouse and the General Services Administration as well as the president's financial records.

In court documents, the Justice Department objected to any discovery on a sitting president in his official capacity because of separation of powers concerns, in order to avoid a "constitutional confrontation" between two branches of government.

**Associated Press**

Justice lawyers argued that the "public interest is decidedly in favor of a stay because any discovery would necessarily be a distraction to the President's performance of his constitutional duties."

D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine responded: "After winning two major rulings in this case already, we anticipated President Trump's most recent motion. Nonetheless, our case is still moving forward. We are on track to propose a schedule for discovery by September 14, and we hope

to request relevant documents shortly thereafter."

The emoluments clause has never been fully tested in an American courtroom. Two other lawsuits accusing the president of violating the emoluments clause are also being heard in other federal courts. Neither has reached the discovery stage. Messitte's ruling last month that an emolument "extends to any profit, gain or advantage" was the first time a federal judge had defined the term's application to the president.

It is that definition, and the argument that the plaintiffs have suffered actual harm and have a right to sue, that the Justice Department wants reviewed by a higher court.

The plaintiffs have argued that Trump — who has declined to divest from his assets as president — is capitalizing on the presidency and causing harm to businesses trying to compete with his Washington hotel, which is just steps from the White House.

The Justice Department

has said earnings from business activities, including hotel room stays, don't qualify as emoluments. Its attorneys have argued that under Maryland and D.C.'s interpretation, no federal official would even be able to own stock from a foreign company that provides profits or collects royalties. The case raises important questions and should provide "clarity on the boundaries of what a president can do while in office," said Ted Boutros, a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP who's been keeping an eye on all the cases, but isn't involved.

"The discovery would be interesting too," he added with a laugh. □

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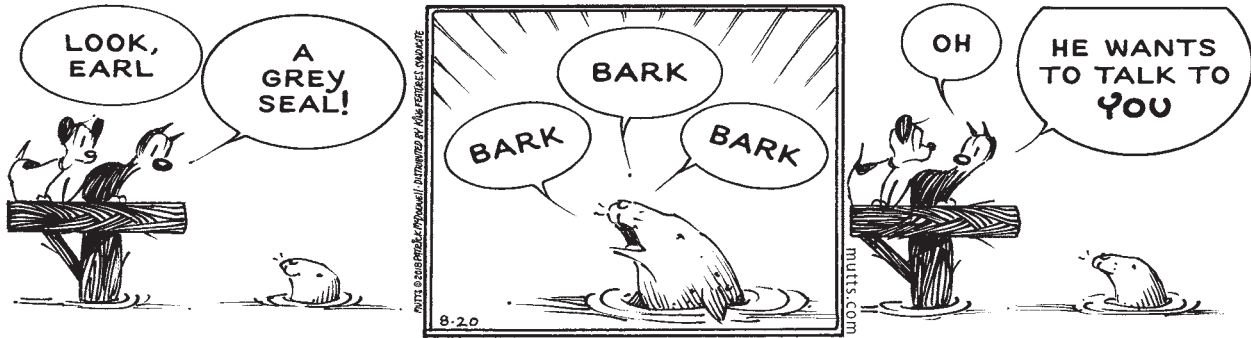
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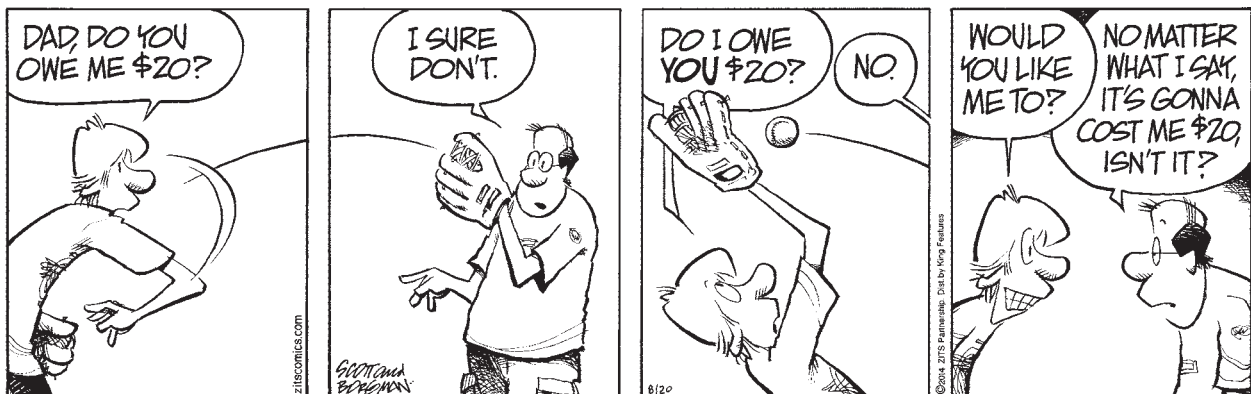
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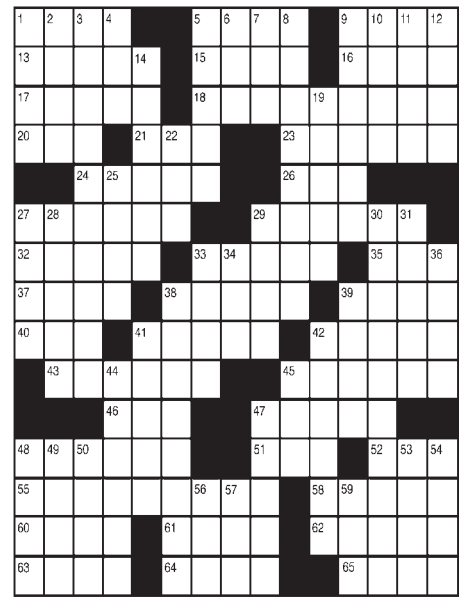
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Saturday's puzzle answer

9	2	7	3	8	1	6	4	5
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5	3	4	2	9	6	7	8	1
7	4	1	6	5	8	9	3	2
8	9	2	1	7	3	5	6	4
6	5	3	4	2	9	8	1	7
3	1	9	7	6	5	4	2	8
2	8	5	9	1	4	3	7	6
4	7	6	8	3	2	1	5	9

### ACROSS

- Arrestee's hope
- Go no further
- Cookware
- up; admitted
- Hideaway
- Location of Waikiki Beach
- Numerical comparison
- Boundless
- Pupil's place
- Henpeck
- Prepares spuds
- Approaches
- Dessert choice
- Manor & the land around it
- Lunchtime
- Ill will
- Leg parts
- Pea casing
- and cons
- For the time ; temporarily
- Unnecessary hubbub
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- Dish
- Sits for an artist
- Great respect
- "House on the Prairie"
- "For a jolly good fellow..."
- Pink or purple
- "Do unto ..."
- Pointed tool
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### DOWN

- Dull speaker
- Out of town
- Objectives
- Fragrant neckwear
- Punches
- Fawn's color
- Lubricate
- Overusing the mirror
- Self-confident
- Sworn statement
- You, to Shakespeare
- Lather
- Give generously
- Housekeepers
- "You My Sunshine"
- Consumes
- Catch sight of
- Shopping ; buyer's binge
- " eyes have seen the glory..."
- Punctuation mark
- Alpine goatherd's song
- Stitched joining
- Batter's delight
- Prescribed amount
- Opposite of a curse
- Oz visitor

- Looks through a keyhole
- Supporting post
- Graduate assignments
- Feeling blue
- Barrels for liquids
- Chances
- The Bee Gees or Nirvana
- Rosemary, for one
- African nation
- Keep on; watch carefully
- As likely as ; probably
- Ooze
- Allow





In this Monday, Aug. 13, 2018 file photo, Park Ranger Mercedes O'Grady works a checkpoint at the intersection of Apgar Loop and Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park, Mont.

Associated Press

## Wildfire moves closer to Glacier National Park's scenic road

**MISSOULA, Mont. (AP)** — A wildfire in Montana's Glacier National Park is forcing more evacuations and has burned within a half-mile of the scenic Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Protecting the highway through the park is officials' priority, with firefighters installing hoses and sprinklers to prevent it from spreading there, The Missoulian newspaper reported Sunday.

If that happens, destabilization could lead rock and trees to fall for years, operations chief Rocky Gilbert said.

Part of the 50-mile, two-lane road is closed. The road spans the width of the park and crosses the Continental Divide, according to the Visit Montana website.

Officials evacuated the Fish Creek Campground and told residents in the small town of Apgar on Lake McDonald that they might have to leave.

Other campgrounds, the historic Lake McDonald Lodge and private cabins along Going-to-the-Sun Road are already under evacuation orders.

Brothers Craig and Sean Simpson, and their father, Henry, were evacuated from their campground Sunday, the Missoulian reported.

"It's kind of scary, being

woken up and told you have to evacuate," Craig Simpson told the newspaper.

Sean Simpson commended Glacier staff for their handling of the situation. "They got us out with plenty of time to be safe, and we felt taken care of."

The Simpsons had arrived from New England on Saturday. While they had to relocate to Apgar Campground and cancel their plans to hike in the North Fork, they still planned to stay for five nights.

Businesspeople who serve tourists in the park said the fire has already hurt them.

"The smoke is what's affecting us," Glacier Outfit-

ters co-owner Shelby Handlin Hampton told the Missoulian.

The fire deterred Glacier visitors from the outdoor activities that her shop supports.

The fire in Glacier National Park comes as officials said a wildfire near California's Yosemite National Park has been fully contained following a recent weekslong closure.

Yosemite's closure came at the height of tourist season, costing the park and nearby communities millions of dollars.

The park draws more than 600,000 visitors during a typical August, according to the National Park Service. □



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# Judge told to consider protections for Montana grayling fish

By **MATT VOLZ**  
Associated Press

**HELENA, Mont. (AP)** — An appeals court on Friday told a judge to take another look at whether a Montana fish should be protected, saying that U.S. wildlife officials did not consider all environmental factors when they decided against designating the Arctic grayling as a threatened or endangered species.

The three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed U.S. District Judge Sam Haddon's 2016 ruling that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision not to list the Arctic grayling as threatened or endangered was based on the best available science.

Wildlife officials' conclusion that the grayling population was increasing was wrong, because they did not take into account data that showed the fish's population in the Big Hole River was declining, the judges said in their decision. The federal agency also acted arbitrarily and capriciously in dismissing the threats of



In this June 27, 2005, file photo, an Arctic grayling is shown in Emerald Lake in Bozeman, Mont. A federal appeals court says U.S. wildlife officials did not consider all environmental factors when it decided against designating a Montana fish as a threatened or endangered species.

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high stream temperatures, low stream flows and climate change to the grayling population, the judges ruled.

Those factors put grayling in Montana in danger of extinction, said Jenny Harbine, an attorney representing the Center for Biological Diversity, the Western Watersheds Project and two Montana residents who sued to force fed-

eral protections for the fish. "The service had blown off the threat to grayling from warmer water temperatures, but the court found they had no legitimate reason to do so," Harbine said. "Arctic grayling are a cold water fish but as we know increasing summer temperatures, earlier spring runoff and reduced snow pack have impacted the

water temperatures in almost all of Montana's rivers."

The plaintiffs say in their lawsuit that climate change will only make conditions worse without federal protections in place. Those protections would restrict land and water use in and around the grayling's habitat.

Fish and wildlife service spokeswoman Jennifer Strickland said her agency is reviewing the ruling and has no comment.

Arctic grayling, a relative of trout known for their sail-like dorsal fin, are also found in Alaska and Canada, but the court case only affects the fish's Montana population. In Montana, grayling now occupy just 10 percent of the 1,250 miles (2,011 kilometers) of streams in the upper Missouri River basin that they historically inhabited.

In 2010, the fish and wildlife service determined that that Arctic grayling in Montana warranted federal protection, but other species took precedence.

Four years later, they said the

fish did not warrant listing as threatened or endangered because additional populations had been found and nearly all were stable or improving.

The 2014 decision also factored in a state program that worked with landowners to improve water flows and fish habitat along the Big Hole River, where irrigation had threatened one of the grayling's last refuges in the state. Gov. Steve Bullock, a Democrat, then touted the program and keeping the grayling off the endangered species list as a success story. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks spokesman Greg Lemon said the ruling won't change the program working with landowners, or prevent the state looking for other ways to enhance the grayling population in the Big Hole and Ruby rivers.

"You get on the Big Hole River now, it's not uncommon for a fisherman to catch a grayling or two, and that's a pretty rare experience in the Lower 48," he said. □

# Synthetic pot seen as a public health danger

By **MIKE STOBBE**  
AP Medical Writer

A decade after first appearing in the United States, synthetic marijuana is seen as a growing health danger. Some marijuana smokers turned to it because it is relatively cheap and not detected in routine drug testing. Dozens of people in New Haven, Connecticut, went to the hospital this week after overdosing on a batch of synthetic pot.

A look at the issue:

## WHAT IS IT?

While states have moved

to legalize traditional marijuana, synthetic marijuana has become a public health threat. Synthetic pot is a mind-altering drug made by taking plant material and spraying it with chemicals that can mimic the high from marijuana. It is sold under names like K2, AK47, Spice, Kush, Kronic, and Scooby Snax. The chemicals also can also be mixed into a liquid and vaped, and even mixed into tea or food. The substances can produce some similar effects to traditional

marijuana including relaxation, elevated mood and altered perception.

## WHAT'S IN IT?

Authorities have detected scores of chemicals in synthetic marijuana, and say chemical composition can vary not only from product to product but from batch to batch. Some ingredients are banned by federal or state law. Drug dealers peddle synthetic marijuana, and police say people have been able to buy it online or in convenience stores and gas stations.



In this Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018 file photo, paramedics and EMT members respond to one of three simultaneous drug overdose victims on the New Haven Green, a city park in New Haven, Conn.

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Synthetic pot products are not tested for safety and people who use them don't know exactly what chemicals they're putting into their bodies. Earlier this year, more than 160 people in Illinois were sickened and at least four died after using synthetic marijuana tainted with rat poison. □



## AP Interview: Photographer documented 1968 Soviet invasion

By KAREL JANICEK  
Associated Press

**PRAGUE (AP)** — It's been 50 years, but powerful images of the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia taken by photographer Josef Koudelka still resonate among Czechs and elsewhere in the world — they've even been admired in Russia.

As the armies of the five Warsaw Pact countries invaded his country an hour before midnight on Aug. 20, 1968, Koudelka was ready. Risking his life, he took thousands of photos in the week that followed, capturing the shocking experience for his nation — and the defiance of its people.

After the negatives were smuggled out of the country, the photos that were published in the West became one of the most famed documentary series of the 20th century.

Looking back at 1968 in an interview with The Associated Press, Koudelka said he seized the once-in-a-career opportunity.

"The opportunity to take so many photos made it possible for me to do something I never thought I would be able to do," Koudelka said. "And I think that a majority of people in Czechoslovakia who knew me as a photographer didn't even think I could do anything like that."

His photos captured the mood on the streets of Prague: the public anger, frustration and massive protests against the troops that came in with tanks to crush the Prague Spring — the brief period of liberal reforms under leader Alexander Dubcek meant to lead toward democratization of communist Czechoslovakia.

"It was a tragedy. But also miracles happened at the



In this Aug. 10, 2018 photo 80-year old photographer Josef Koudelka answers questions in a rare media interview with the Associated Press at his retrospective exhibition "Returning" at the Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague, Czech Republic.

Associated Press

time," Koudelka said. "One of the biggest miracles for me was — and that has happened at major events

elsewhere — that people are able to completely change overnight."

He said in reaction to the

attack, the whole nation became united.

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# 'Crazy Rich Asians' shines bright at the box office

By LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Glitz won over guns as the gilded romance "Crazy Rich Asians" debuted at No. 1 in North American theaters this weekend, surpassing industry expectations and beating out action-packed fare like "Mile 22."

Warner Bros. estimates that the film earned \$25.2 million over the weekend and \$34 million since its opening Wednesday. It's a surefire win for the film, which cost \$30 million to produce and went into the weekend with months of buzz and a 93 percent "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

Breakout star Henry Golding told The Associated Press on Sunday that the film's performance is a "testament to the people who are turning up."

"It's not just the Asians who are coming. It's people of all colors from all walks of life who are enjoying this cinematic experience," Golding said. "It's a real shift in Hollywood."

Adapted from Kevin



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Michelle Yeoh, from left, Henry Golding and Constance Wu in a scene from the film "Crazy Rich Asians."

Kwan's best-seller, "Crazy Rich Asians" stars Con-

stance Wu as an American woman who gets a culture shock meeting her boyfriend's obscenely wealthy family in Singapore. The studio strategically bumped up the film's opening to a Wednesday earlier in the summer. "We knew we'd get avids who read the book and a large Asian following," said Warner Bros. domestic distribution president Jeff Goldstein. "We figured OK, we get good reviews, open on Wednesday, word of mouth will spread and really propel the movie into the weekend, and that's exactly what happened."

As recently as July 26, box office experts were predicting that the film would open to at least \$18 million over its first five days, but no one expected a launch of over \$30 million.

"I think the audience isn't an obvious audience," Goldstein said. "When you get a culturally important event like this movie, I think it just takes off like wildfire."

The stakes were high for the first studio-produced movie led by Asian-Americans in

25 years. The filmmakers even turned down a big offer from Netflix to give the historically significant film a theatrical platform. Cast members and fans started using the hashtag #GoldOpen to try to encourage more opening weekend support. Director Jon M. Chu tweeted his appreciation Sunday and asked audiences to keep spreading the word. "We still have a long run to go but our message to the world has been heard. We have arrived," Chu wrote. "Now let's go tell more of our stories! We have a lot more to say. And I don't want to wait another 25 years to see them. This is only the beginning."

Despite the success of "Crazy Rich Asians," other films still found audiences this weekend, including Warner Bros. shark movie "The Meg," which fell only 53 percent in its second weekend, adding \$21.2 million. The Jason Statham-led film has now grossed over \$300 million worldwide.

Mark Wahlberg's action-packed "Mile 22," his fourth collaboration with director

Peter Berg, debuted in third place with an estimated \$13.6 million. The STX film had a \$35 million production budget. Launching with \$10.5 million, "Alpha," an Ice Age-set adventure tale, tied for fourth place in its opening weekend with "Mission: Impossible — Fallout." In limited release, Sony Pictures Classics' "The Wife" opened with \$111,137, and Roadside Attractions' "Juliet, Naked" debuted with \$60,922. Both films opened in four theaters. One film that did not find much of an audience was Kevin Spacey's "Billionaire Boys Club," which Vertical Entertainment released in eight theaters this weekend after making it available for purchase on Video on Demand last month. Official earnings were not reported to comScore, but industry trade publication The Hollywood Reporter said Sunday that the film earned a dismal \$425.

Hollywood's winning streak continues with the summer season up 12.4 percent from last year and the year overall up 8.9 percent. □

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MARK WAHLBERG | LAUREN COHAN  
**MILE 22**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [R]  
MONTHU 5:15 | 7:25 | 9:35  
FRI 5:15 | 7:25 | 9:35 | 11:45  
SAT 3:05 | 5:15 | 7:25 | 9:35 | 11:45  
SUN & HOL 3:05 | 5:15 | 7:25 | 9:35

KODI SMIT-MCPHEE | NATASSIA MALTHE  
**ALPHA**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]  
MONTHU 4:10 | 6:20 | 8:30  
FRI 4:10 | 6:20 | 8:30 | 10:40  
SAT 2:00 | 4:10 | 6:20 | 8:30 | 10:40  
SUN & HOL 2:00 | 4:10 | 6:20 | 8:30

JASON STATHAM | RUBY ROSE  
**THE MEG**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]  
MONTHU 4:45 | 7:00 | 9:15  
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SUN & HOL 2:30 | 4:45 | 7:00 | 9:15

EWAN MCGREGOR | HAYLEY ATWELL  
**Disney Christopher Robin** [PG]  
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FRI 4:20 | 6:40 | 9:00 | 11:20  
SAT 2:00 | 4:20 | 6:40 | 9:00 | 11:20  
SUN & HOL 2:00 | 4:20 | 6:40 | 9:00

MILA KUNIS | KATE MCKINNON  
**SPY WHO DUMPED ME**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [R]  
MONTHU & SUN 4:35 | 9:20  
FRI & SAT 4:35 | 9:20 | 11:50

JOEY KING | JAVIER BOTET  
**SLENDER MAN**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]  
MONTHU & SUN 9:30  
FRI & SAT 9:30 | 11:40

TOM CRUISE | HENRY CAVILL  
**MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT** [PG-13]  
MON-FRI 6:00 | 9:05  
SAT-SUN 2:55 | 6:00 | 9:05

ADAM SANDLER | SELENA GOMEZ  
**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG]  
MON-FRI 5:10 | 7:20  
SAT & SUN 3:00 | 5:10 | 7:20

DWAYNE JOHNSON | NEVE CAMPBELL  
**SKYSCRAPER**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]  
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# A focused Mackenzie Phillips takes it one day at a time

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Mackenzie Phillips, who's upending expectations with her portrayal of a brutal inmate on "Orange Is the New Black," deserves another look off-screen as well.

Phillips has battled addiction and made disturbing sexual abuse allegations well before such revelations were common, and she's forthright when asked to look back at those dark chapters.

But it's the work that's keeping her busy and fulfilled now — whether acting or helping people address addiction at a Southern California treatment facility — that she'd rather concentrate on.

Her personal life also is "fantastic," she said, including her relationships with her half-siblings (actress Bijou Phillips and singer Chynna Phillips are among them). Phillips, 58, who gained fame in the 1970s on the sitcom "One Day at a Time" but lost the role as fallout from her drug and alcohol use, appears on the Netflix reboot as leader of a veterans support group. On Netflix's "Orange Is the New Black," Phillips is nearly unrecognizable as Barbara, whose face shows her cruelty and self-destructiveness.

Drugs also are part of the character's life, a real-life parallel that Phillips ad-



This image released by Netflix shows Mackenzie Phillips in a scene from "Orange Is the New Black."

dressed during an interview with The Associated Press. Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: You mentioned viewers have been taken aback by how you look playing Barbara. Any hesitation to take the part because of ego?

Phillips: No, because it's a character. And I'm a woman of a certain age who hasn't had any plastic surgery and plans to keep it that way. Consider this: Had I been Botox'd and nipped and tucked and lifted, they never would have hired me. I'm very proud of my age because I never thought I would live this long.

AP: Did you feel removed enough from your own drug use to play an addicted character?

Phillips: People said, 'Weren't you triggered by snorting fake drugs?' I was like, 'No, I was absolutely filled with the deepest gratitude that I don't live that way.' It's very bleak, and there's nothing to look forward to but the next hit for Barb. So when she's not getting high, she starts focusing all that beautiful energy that you could focus on wellness or helping people on revenge and resentment. It's pretty textbook that energy needs to be focused somewhere purposeful or you're going

to get high again.

AP: How long have you been sober?

Phillips: Well, this is where it gets interesting. I have come to the conclusion, throughout many years of sobriety, that time does not treat nor does it barely heal this thing. Otherwise I wouldn't have relapsed and gotten arrested almost 10 years ago to the day. Demi Lovato, bless her heart, I'm so supportive of her, wouldn't have relapsed after six years if it mattered how long a person was sober.

AP: So how do you measure where you stand?

Phillips: What you're doing in the day that you've

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been given that's taking you away from a drink or a drug, and what are you doing that's taking you back toward one. Are you helping other people? Because in this whole world of recovery you cannot keep it unless you give it away. You can't like hold your recovery to yourself.

AP: Do you think your allegations about your father, which got sharp pushback, would have been perceived differently in the MeToo era?

Phillips: I think that if 'High on Arrival' came out now, people would not have been speculating on whether I was a liar or not. I remember watching one of those evening magazine shows and they actually had a body language expert who was looking at clips of me talking on 'Oprah' and seeing whether or not from my body language if I was lying. I don't think that would be considered appropriate today. So I think it would have been a very different experience. But I'm not sure.

AP: What else are you up to now?

Phillips: My life is fantastic. I've been in the same house for 18 years. I have a 31-year-old son named Shane, who is a spectacular human being. I have a bunch of dogs. I'm in relationships with my sisters. I mean, it's an incredible thing. □

## Soviet Invasion

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"No matter who you were, only one thing mattered: We were all against them," he said.

One of his now-iconic photos shows a man holding his coat wide open in front of an armed soldier standing on a Soviet tank, while another one captures an elderly man trying to hit a tank with a cobblestone.

"My photos captured a moment when we behaved like a nation," Koudelka said.

"And that didn't happen

too often in our history."

Unarmed people could not stop the armies, however, and the country was subsequently taken over by a hard-line Communist regime fully loyal to Moscow.

The occupying troops stayed for over 20 years and withdrew only after the 1989 Velvet Revolution led by the late Vaclav Havel.

According to historians, 137 people were killed by Warsaw Pact soldiers in 1968 alone, and a total of over 400 died during the



In this Aug. 10, 2018 photo Josef Koudelka answers questions in a rare media interview with the Associated Press, at his retrospective exhibition "Returning" at the Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague, Czech Republic.

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occupation of Czechoslovakia. Koudelka's photos were first published by media around the globe in 1969 under the attribution "P.P." (Prague photographer) to prevent his persecution by the Communists. Now 80, Koudelka is not ready to retire. He still keeps his camera busy every day. Over his long career, he took many great photographs, including his Gypsy, Exile and Panoramas series that are in the collections of major museums, including the Centre Pompidou in Paris, the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles. □



# Renewable resort: Greek island to run on wind, solar power

By **ILIANA MIER**  
**Associated Press**

**TILOS, Greece (AP)** — When the blades of its 800-kilo-watt wind turbine start turning, the small Greek island of Tilos will become the first in the Mediterranean to run exclusively on wind and solar power.

The sea horse-shaped Greek island between Rhodes and Kos has a winter population of 400. But that swells to as many as 3,000 people in the summer, putting an impossible strain on its dilapidated power supply.

This summer, technicians are conducting the final tests on a renewable replacement system that will be fully rolled out later this year. It will allow Tilos to run exclusively on high-tech batteries recharged by a wind turbine and a solar park.

The European Commission says Tilos will be the first autonomous renewable green island in the Mediterranean. It plans to use the project as a blueprint for other small islands across the European Union that have limited grid connection to the mainland. The EU has largely funded the project, providing 11 million euros (\$12.5 million) of the total 13.7 million-euro (\$15.7 million) cost.

"The innovation of this program and its funding lies in the batteries — the energy storage — that's what's innovative," project manager Spyros Aliferis said. "The energy produced by the



In this Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, photo a road leads past a wind turbine stands on the Aegean island of Tilos, Greece.

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In this photo dated Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, people eat in a tavern in the Aegean island of Tilos, Greece.

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In this Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, photo, a solar park on the Aegean island of Tilos, Greece.

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wind turbines and the photovoltaics will be stored in batteries, so that this energy can be used for the grid when there is demand."

The batteries store power during sunny and windy conditions, releasing it during periods of heavy demand and lower production — such as at nighttime and the peak tourist season — to keep the grid powered up.

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— the project uses a prototype battery system that improves storage of the excess energy generated until it's needed.

To work, it required an overhauled grid with smart meters installed in homes and businesses to calculate times of peak demand.

Currently, Tilos gets its energy from an underwater cable that runs from Kos to the island of Nisiros and on to Tilos. That creates an erratic, outage-prone service that routinely breaks appliances and has forced

many businesses to rely on diesel generators.

While lacking the dazzle of other Greek islands like Mykonos and Santorini, Tilos — a 14-hour ferry ride from the mainland — is a quiet vacation spot that sees an average of 13,000 visitors a year. It's known as a green island, popular with hikers and bird watchers, and most of it is now a protected nature reserve.

"For many years now, Tilos has plotted a course that is dedicated to protecting the environment," she said. "We are seeking visitors — tourists actually — people who will visit our island who love the environment and want to protect it and nature as it was given to us."

Tourism is the main source of revenue for the island. But businesses have been plagued by lengthy blackouts, leaving hotels without air conditioning and restaurants without light or power, forcing them to discard food from warm refrigerators.

Hotel owner Sevasti Delaporta has closely followed the project since its inception over two years ago. There were initial doubts about the idea among Tilos residents, but tests have run smoothly, even during peak times this summer. The grid is expected to be fully operational in a few months.

"I'm very optimistic about this project because there are few negative consequences as a business, and for the guests of the hotel that I run," says Delaporta.

"People are pleased with the service because they have no problem with their fridges and they have no problem with their air conditioning. They are happy." With long sunny days and average temperatures of 33 degrees Celsius (91 degrees Fahrenheit) during the summer, tourists spend their mornings at the beach and afternoons napping. The island comes alive in the evening, when businesses open and residents and tourists alike flock to bars and cafes. □